



Have First Aid or Emergency Preparedness merit badge counselors or other experts on hand to judge patrol performances.

The following are some sample problems. Make up additional problems that will involve Scouts of various skill levels.

PROBLEM 1. A Scout patrol is on a campout in a heavily wooded area of a national forest. A severe thunderstorm and flash flood hits their campsite. Both adult leaders are immobilized with broken legs; one is unconscious. Several Scouts have severe cuts. The nearest ranger station is 5 miles from their campsite. The patrol has managed to radio you on its two-way radio to request help. You are half a mile away in the base campsite. What do you do?

(Possible action: Instruct the patrol by radio to treat their most seriously injured persons first and get all patrol members to a safe place above the flood. You send for help at the ranger station, or try to reach the station by radio. Then assemble needed gear and set out to help the patrol.)

PROBLEM 2. Your patrol is hiking on a country road. A passing farm truck goes out of control and hits two patrol members. The truck then veers off the road and turns over in a

ditch; the driver is knocked unconscious. You notice what appear to be toxic chemicals leaking from a container in the truck into the ditch. The nearest farmhouse is 1½ miles away. What do you do?

(Possible action: Send two Scouts running to the farmhouse to call for medical help and to inform the police about the accident; tell the police about the spilled material. Treat the most seriously injured victims first. The driver may have suffered serious neck or spinal injuries; to avoid aggravating them, do not move him unless necessary—(as in the case of a fire.)

PROBLEM 3. Your patrol is passing a playground when one of the pieces of playground equipment collapses. Several of the children suffer broken bones and severe cuts. Many of the other children panic and begin running out in the street. What do you do?

PROBLEM 4. Your patrol is in a shopping mall. A tornado passes by, hitting one end of the mall and knocking out power. Several people are injured by flying debris, the phone system is out, and you are half a mile from a fire station. How do you react?