EMERGENCY ACTION PLANS FOR CUB SCOUT PACKS *by Lynn Green*

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Accidents happen - being prepared for the unexpected goes a long way towards preventing a minor problem from becoming a major emergency.

The Key Three to Emergency Preparation

1. Developing Your Plan
2. Knowing Your Risks
3. Formulating Your Response

1. **Developing Your Plan:**
    a. **Prevention and Preparation:**
        i. **Suitability for the group**
        ii. **Any group preparation or training required?**
        iii. **Provision of practical planning advice**
    b. **Travel Hints: Coordinate travel groups and allow for breaks. Do not convoy, but plan the meeting point ahead and agree what to do if one or more vehicles is delayed. Do not rely on cell service!**
    c. **The Importance of Communications: Have a contact "back at home", have written plans and rosters and communicate these to all involved and to the home contact.**
2. **Knowing Your Risks:**
    a. **Weather (Wind, Rain, Lightning) and its effect on people.**
    b. **Separation from Group (getting lost) and the proper response (getting found).**
    c. **Physical issues (heat, cold, wet, dehydration).**
    d. **Injury (from an activity, animal, weather or other cause).**
    e. **Little Things that Get Out of Hand.**
3. **Formulating Your Response:**
    a. **Maintaining Control: Staying calm and acting decisively are key to keeping an emergency from spiraling out of control as panic sets in.**
    b. **Vigilance: Assessing the current situation and reading the groups' behavior is key to a successful outing and managing your groups' dynamics.**