

Welcome, Chief, to a practical (perhaps one day life-saving) adventure for your crew members. As this Skill Kit is still under development, only notes to assist you in teaching the first, available lesson are posted here. You may choose to print this page or await the completion of the kit. Present lessons with enthusiasm as their importance should never be under-estimated.

Lesson 1: “Safety First”

Introduce this new Skill Patch to your boys with a sense of how important it might be to them or to someone else they may help. Read the first two paragraphs (don’t discuss the Good Samaritan parable - it will be the ‘Cover-In-Prayer’ at end of meeting.) Keep comments simple and go right into the lesson as it will require plenty of interaction between you and your crew.

The third paragraph begins with a question the boys are not expected to answer. But do get some responses for the second one: “What should he be wearing...?” [answers may include: a helmet, gloves, knee pads, long pants, a jacket or elbow pads, and definitely shoes] The third question should just receive a group agreement. Let the interactions be constructive – try to get the boys to consider that accidents are always possible, especially if we take ‘chances’!! Continue with the second page, reading its first paragraph.

The next paragraph must be stressed. Read the opening line, “SAFETY IS NO ACCIDENT”. Then have your crew recite it with you. Continue with the paragraph, placing emphasis on each part, and again have the boys recite “If you do things safely, it is not likely an accident will happen” and “Doing things safely does not happen by accident.”

The third paragraph asks the boys to describe the mishaps in the photos and how they could’ve been prevented. Use your own wisdom here, perhaps going around the group one boy per image. Consider the following suggestions: man struck by lightning (stay away from trees during storms), man slips in puddle (go around or walk carefully), falling down stairs (use handrail), falling brick (wear hardhat in construction area, watch for warning signs where construction going on and avoid), dog bite (obey warning signs about dogs on property, don’t approach strange dogs), ladder fall (be sure ladder is secured at top and bottom, keep hands free while ascending or descending), batter knocked out (wear protective head gear and other safety equipment for sports), man on back (don’t try to carry anything too heavy), falling men (watch where you step / stay off ledges), lowering gate (look up as well as down), and car hits man (cross at crosswalks.)

Read the final paragraph and remind your crew that these are only a few of the many things they should be cautious about. Suggest they do their own observations at home and elsewhere and be prepared to share their findings in the next meeting. Have boys recite the memory verse before departing and ensure that they will learn it before next time together. Be sure to praise their good efforts in this meeting.