

Unrecognized Persons

Due to the confusion caused during an emergency, every program must follow the established emergency communication system. The predetermined command is a verbal countdown and must be reinforced Monday morning. The camp director will educate all participants and staff at the beginning of the program so that all the participants recognize it as such and can elicit a pre-determined response (gather at a predetermined site for a headcount). The onsite Director is responsible for phoning 911 for any emergency service required. All external communication will be facilitated by cell phone.

Intruder/Stranger on the premises

Identify the threat: (Pertains mainly to the intruder)

Example:

- Is he/she an angry parent?
- Former participant?
- Do they have a weapon?
- Whom does he/she intend to harm?

Assess the situation:

Example:

- How far are we from a building/office?
- How many participants are outside/inside?
- Age of participants?
- Can I communicate with the building/office?

TRY TO THINK CLEARLY – USE GOOD JUDGMENT

Weigh the risks:

Example:

- Should I have the students run for the building/office?
- Or sit calmly?

Some suggestions:

Depending on the situation:

- Send a messenger to the building/office/phone
- Call 911 on [REDACTED]
- Get students into the building/office
- Have participants line up