



Water Smart Levels 5 & 6 – Years 7 to 10

Aquatic Emergencies Activity Sheet 5 – Assessing Someone in Trouble

Name: _____

On pages 2 and 3 you will find pictures of people in an emergency situation.

Firstly, classify each of the people as one of the following:

- Non-swimmer
- Weak swimmer
- Injured person
- Unconscious person

Secondly, read the list of characteristics below and write them next to the picture you think they match (hint: each characteristic will only be used once).

Characteristics

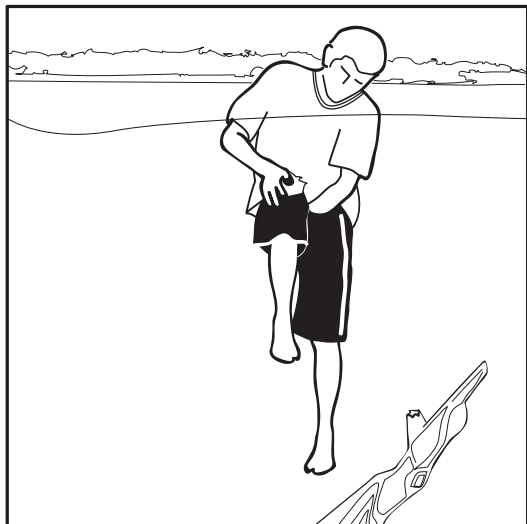
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| • good when support is offered | • apply emergency care measures |
| • injury may not affect the ability to stay afloat | • only concern is breathing |
| • may be able to float on back | • could be using legs and arms for more support |
| • may be at any point between the bottom and surface | • note the site of the injury and avoid aggravation |
| • may attempt to hang on to the rescuer | • only experienced rescuers should perform contact rescues |
| • continues to hold injury site | • is completely limp in the water |
| • no cooperation | • accompanied and non contact rescues are likely to be successful |
| • buoyancy may vary | • may stop panicking when supported |
| • self preservation will minimise risk of double drowning | • may be difficult to manoeuvre |
| • support is a major consideration | • may be in an awkward position |
| • vertical in water, not necessary facing the shore | • immediate contact and support required |
| • at an angle to the surface, normally facing the shoreline | • may be more concerned with their injury than being rescued |



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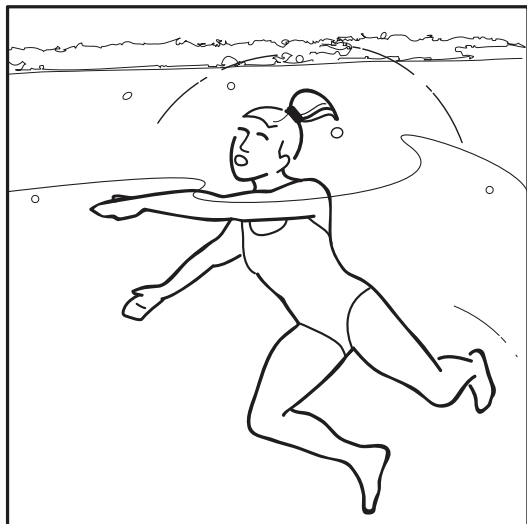


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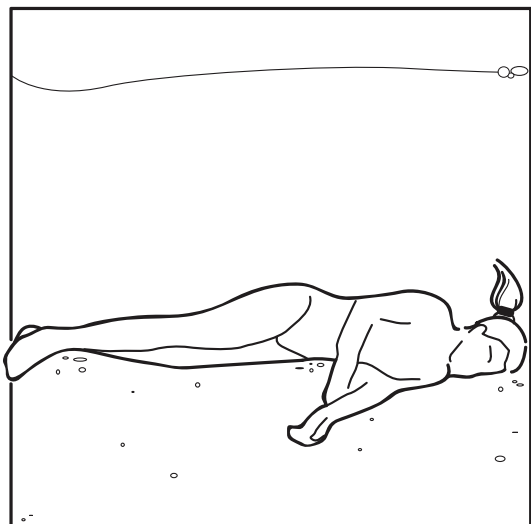
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