VISUAL GLOSSARY OF DISASTERS AND EMERGENCIES

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ABOUT THE DICTIONARY

Individuals with special needs may encounter various hazards such as earthquakes, floods, fires, getting lost, accidents and minor injuries in their daily life at home, school, parks, shopping malls, avenues and streets. Knowing some basic behaviours and terms in order to be protected from these dangers they may encounter in daily life will enable these individuals to live safely. This dictionary, created for individuals with special needs, is the first national and international illustrated and written dictionary that includes the correct behaviours and terms that individuals should exhibit in case of disasters and emergencies. The purpose of creating the Visual Glossary of Disaster and Emergency Terms Dictionary is to ensure that individuals with special needs acquire the correct behaviours and terms that should be exhibited in emergencies such as natural disasters such as earthquakes, fires, floods and traffic accidents. The Visual Glossary of Disaster and Emergency Terms Dictionary includes pictures of correct behaviour and terms, and text with each picture explained in writing. With this dictionary, primary caregivers, families or teachers of individuals with special needs will be able to show pictures, explain and teach the terms and behaviours that should be done in disaster and emergency situations.

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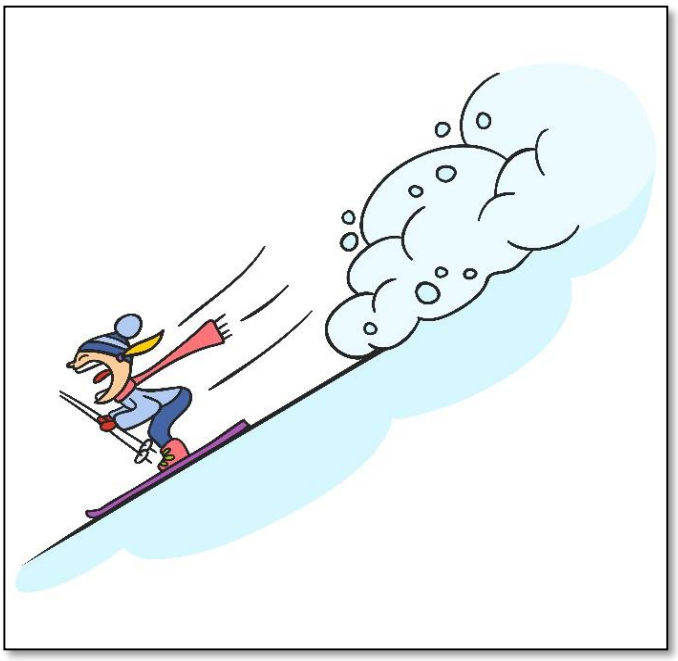
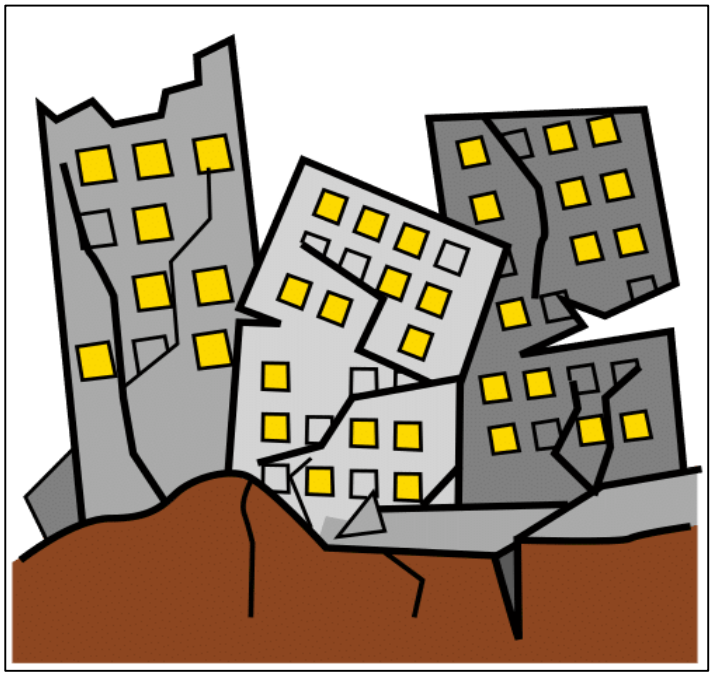
DISASTERS

Avalanche



The sudden rush of a large amount of snow, ice, or rocks down a mountain.

Earthquake



A shaking or other movement of part of the earth's surface.

DISASTERS

Fire

Great fires that give to the place where we live.

Flood

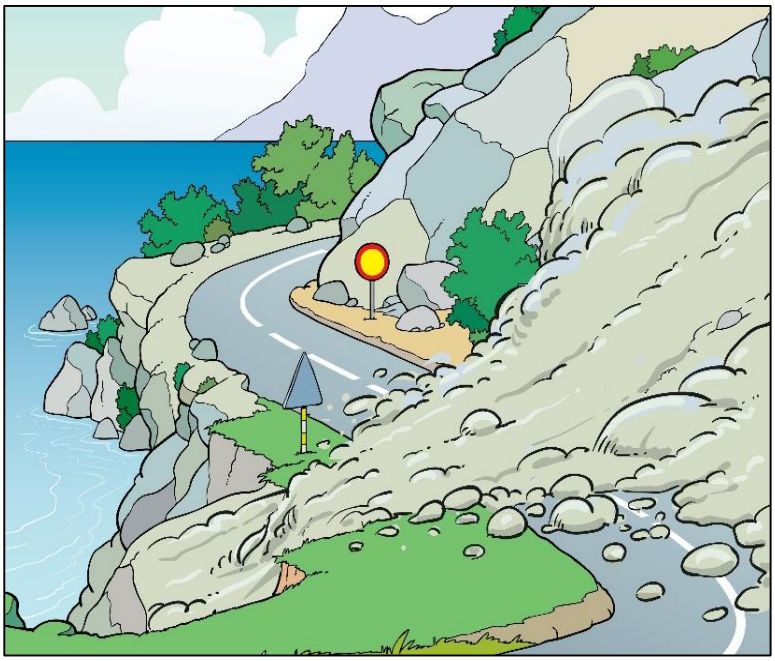
Flooding of water on land that is not normally underwater.

DISASTERS

Forest Fire

The great fire that destroys the forests.

Landslide



The falling of earth down a steep slope.

Lightning Strike

Noisy electricity falling down from the clouds in the sky.

Rock Fall

The falling of rocks down a somewhere.

DISASTERS

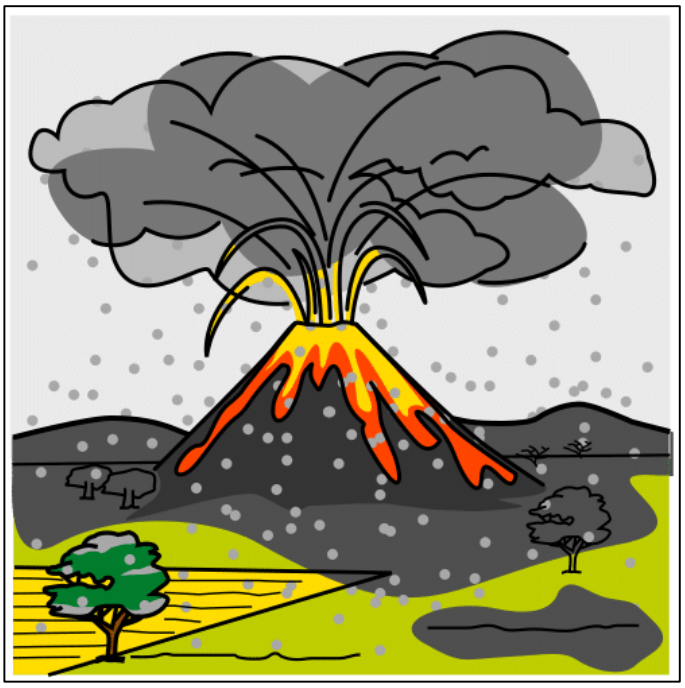
Storm

Very strong wind that brings rain and lightning from the sky.

Tsunami

Big wave formed by the shaking in the sea and damaging the place we live in.

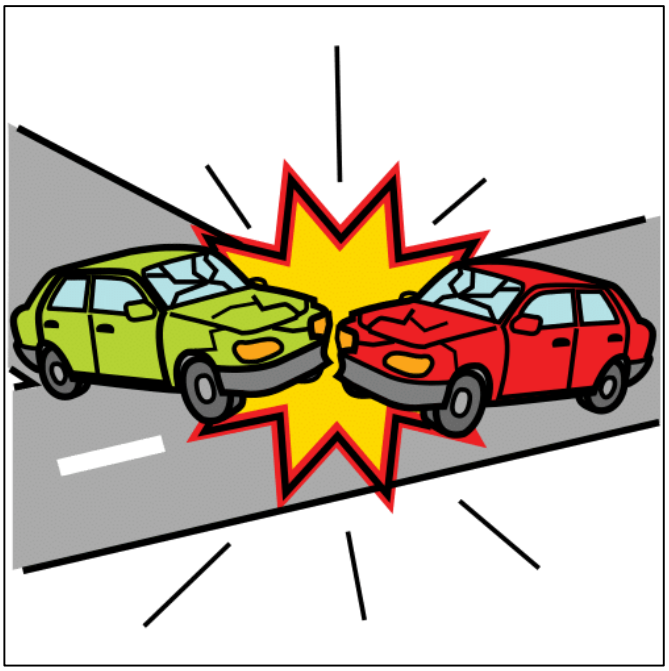
Volcanic Eruption



Big fires bursting out under the mountains.

EMERGENCIES

Accident

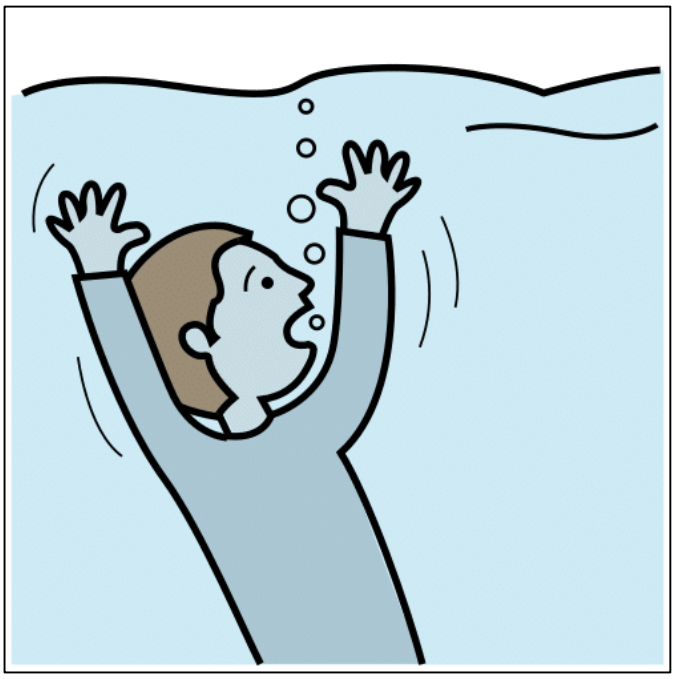


An event that happens by chance, especially a harmful one.

Being Lost

Not knowing where we are.

Drowning



Fainting, dying from not being able to breathe underwater.

Explosion

Dispersal of a place with a great noise.

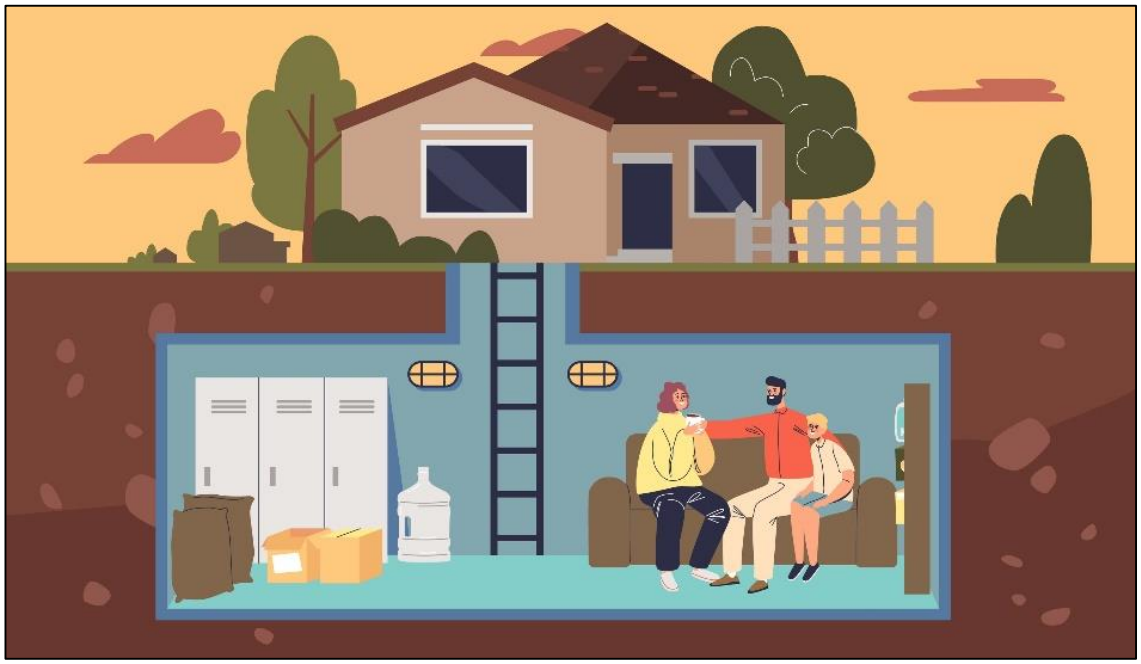
Poisoning

Something we eat, drink or smell makes us sick.

Building Collapse

When a building falls down due to pressure or lack of support.

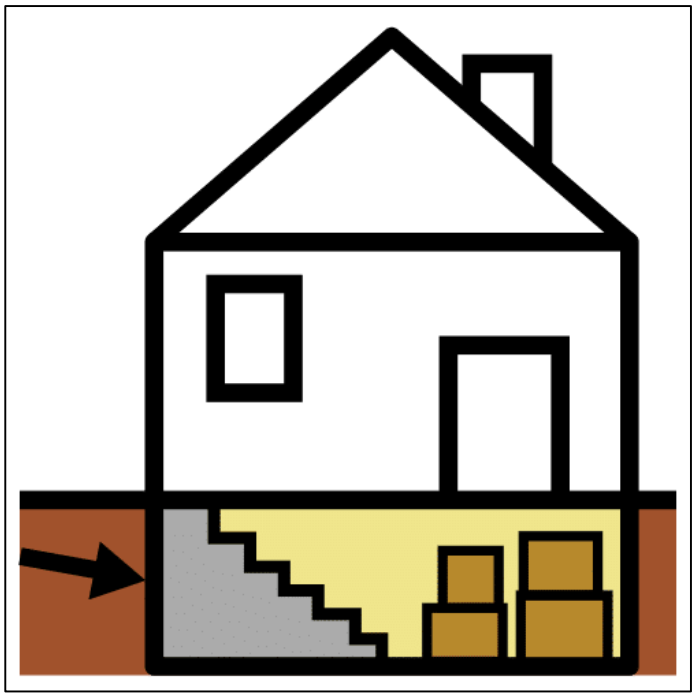
Bunker



A place where you can get protection from danger.

GENERAL TERMS

Cellar



The floor below the ground floor of a building.

Debris

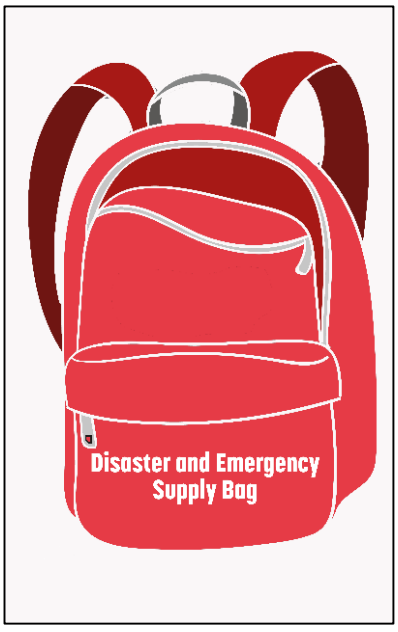
Remains of collapsed buildings and goods.

GENERAL TERMS

Disaster

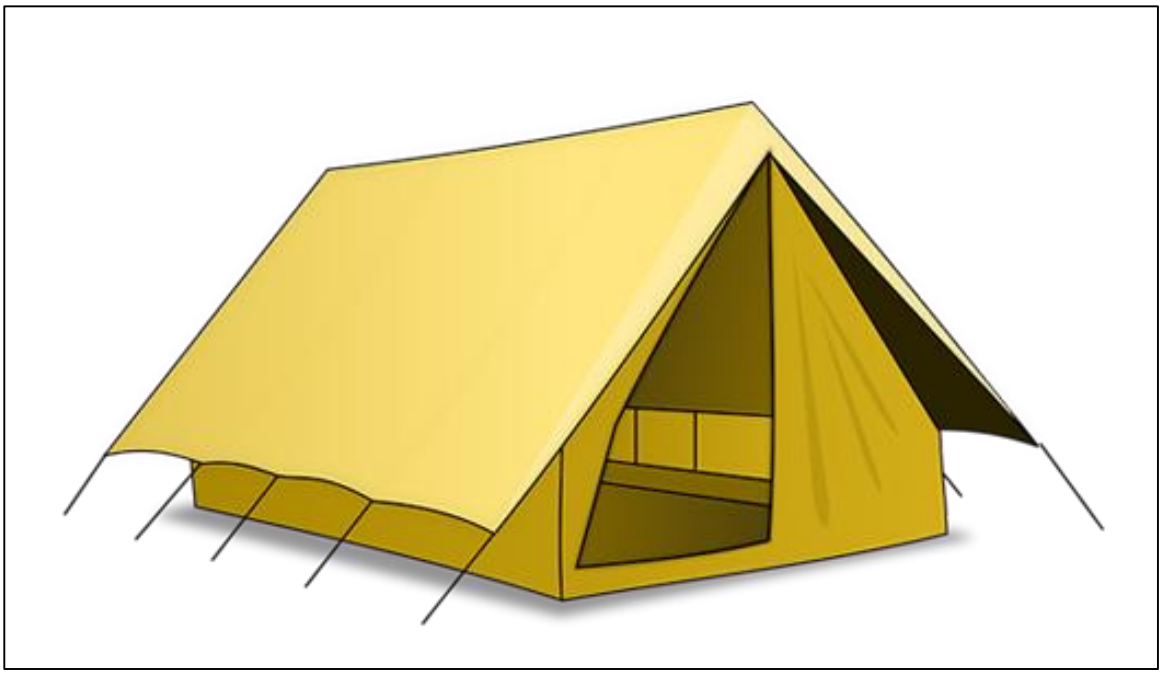
Natural events such as earthquakes, fires and floods that damage people, animals and buildings are called disasters.

Disaster and Emergency Supply Bag



Bag containing emergency items and documents to be used during and after the disaster.

Disaster Relief Tent

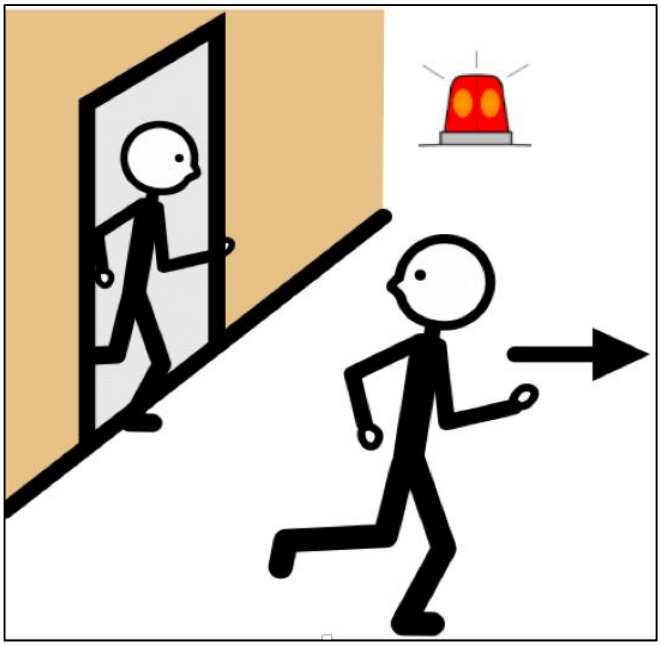


Short-term emergency shelter, which is sent right after disasters or emergencies.

Disaster Victim

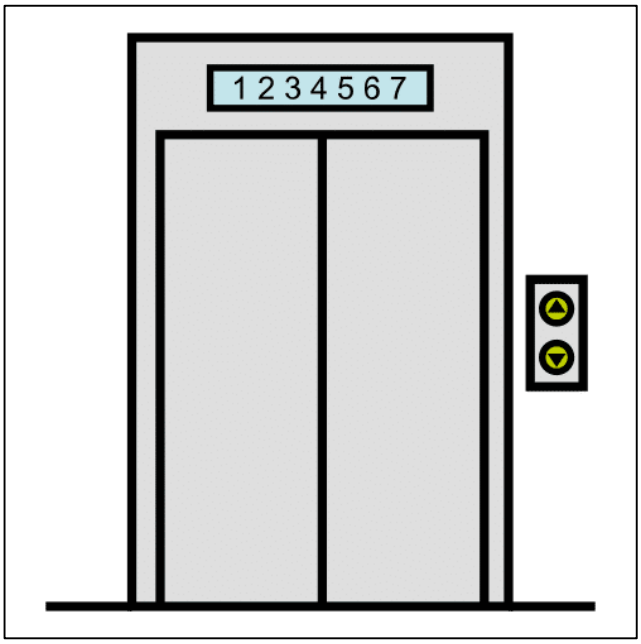
People affected by disaster are called disaster victims.

Drill



Action to test the adequacy of the procedures to be taken in case of emergency or danger.

Elevators

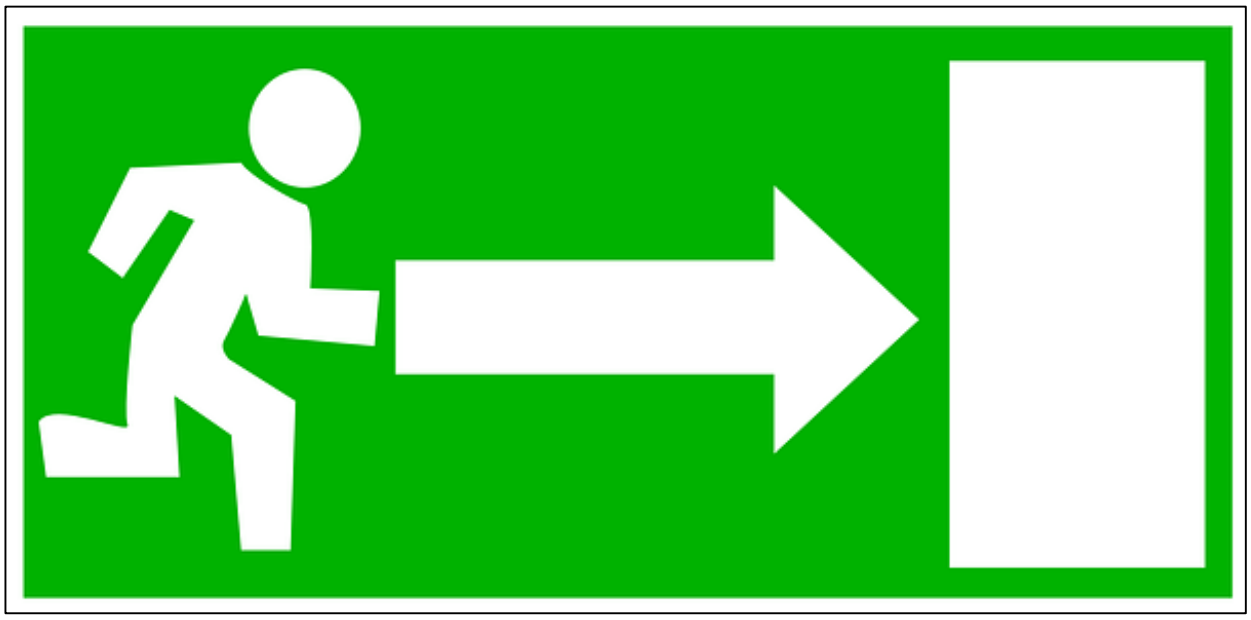


A device that moves up and down, carrying people from one floor of a building to another.

Emergency Call

Phone call made by a person to ask for help during emergency situations.

Emergency Exit



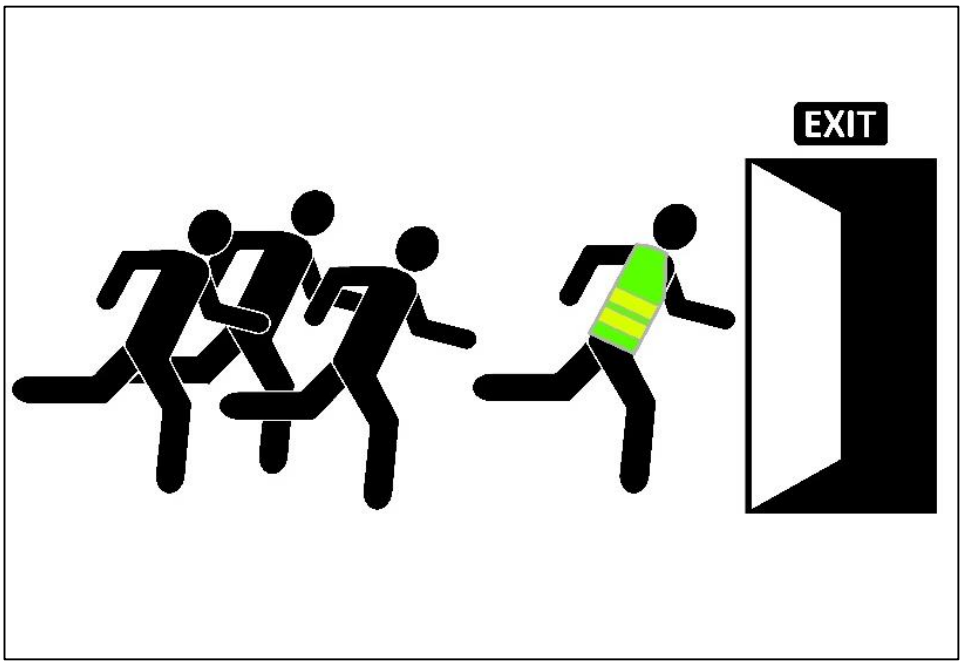
A door that opens outwards to use for escaping in case of danger.

GENERAL TERMS

Emergency Service

Urgent care department for first treatment at the hospital.

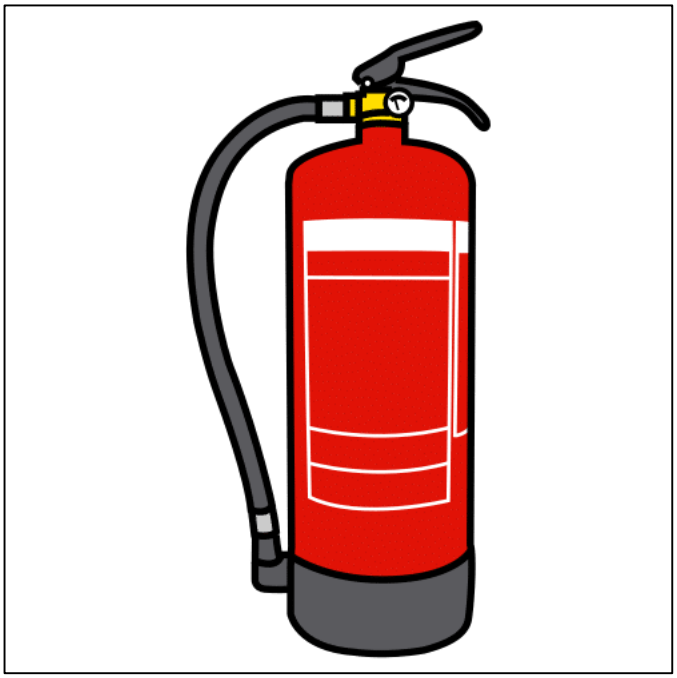
Evacuation



To move people from a dangerous place to somewhere safe (evacuation).

GENERAL TERMS

Fire Extinguisher

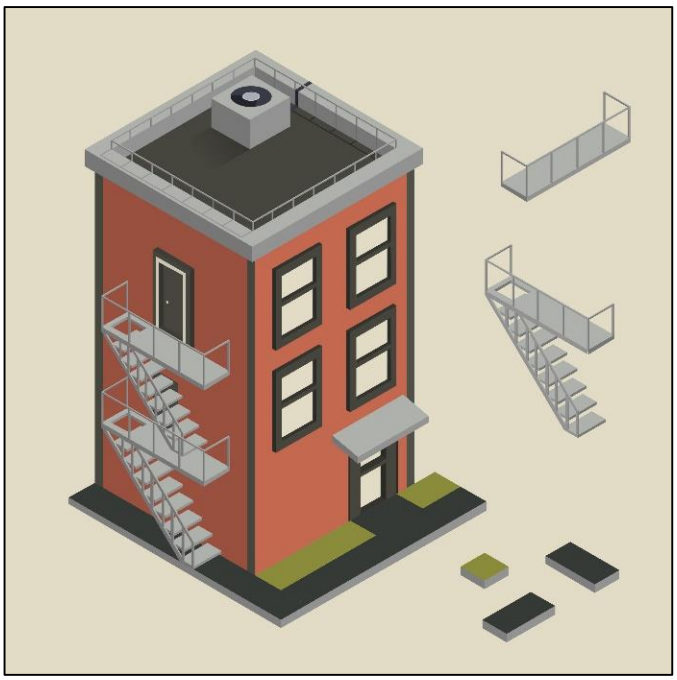


A device containing material that can stop a fire from burning.

Fire Extinguisher Cabinet

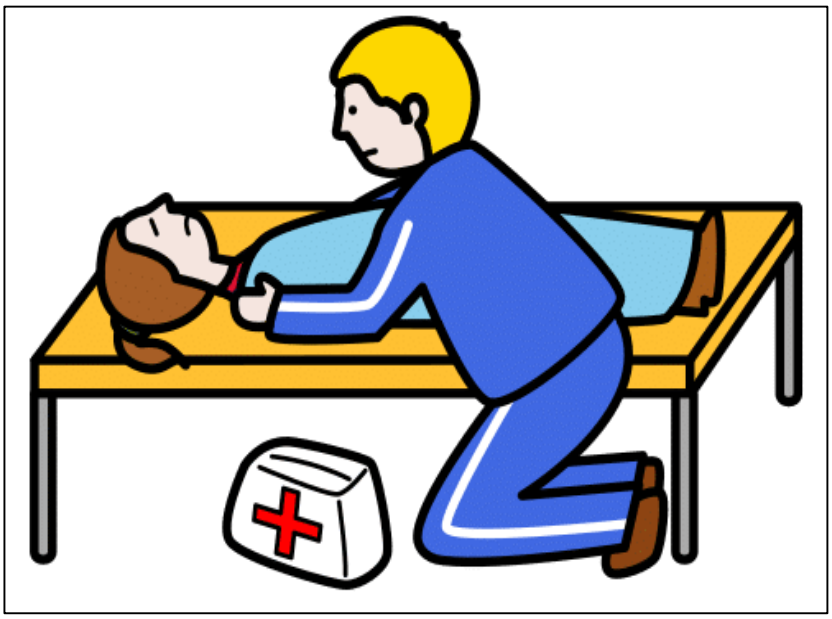
Cabinet with fire hose, sprinkler and faucet.

Fire Stairway



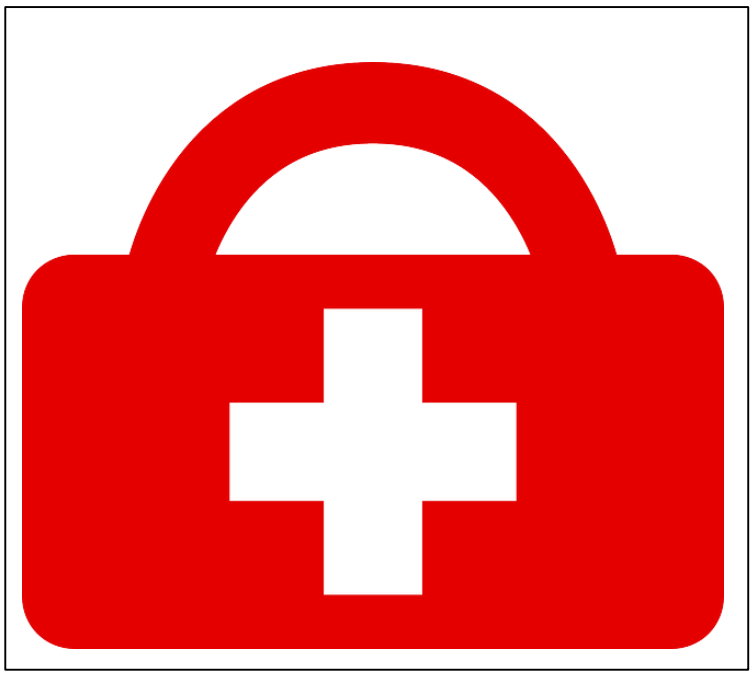
A staircase for leaving a building in case of a fire or emergency.

First Aid



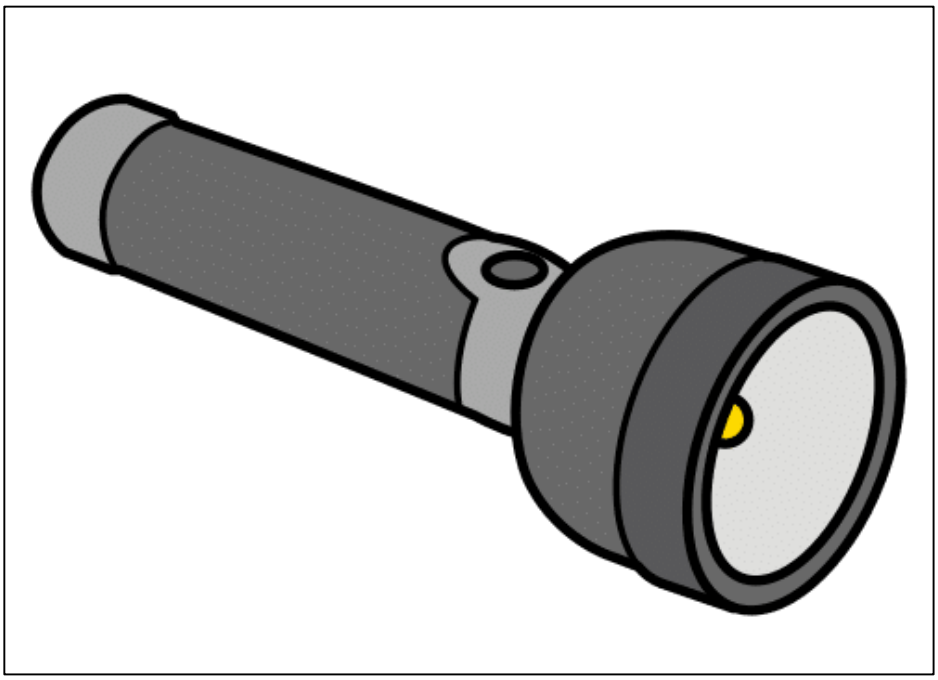
Emergency action undertaken until the health personnel who will provide medical assistance arrives.

First Aid Kit



A box or bag that contains basic medical equipment.

Flashlight



A small light you can carry around.

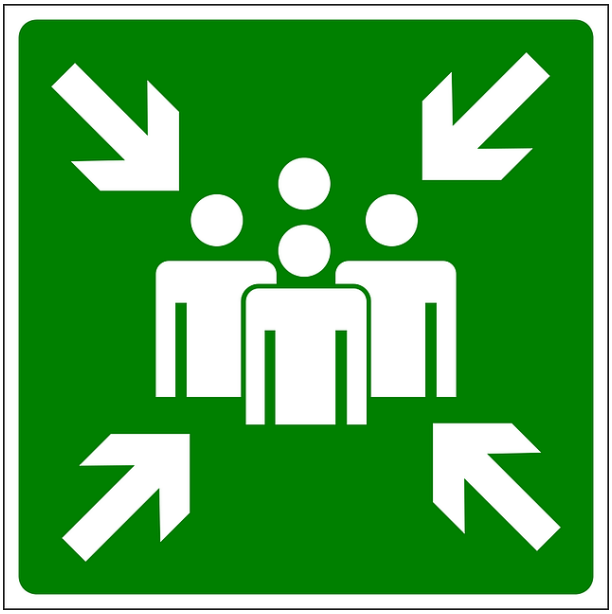
Fog

A weather condition in which very small drops of water are close to the land, making it difficult to see.

Helicopter Rescue

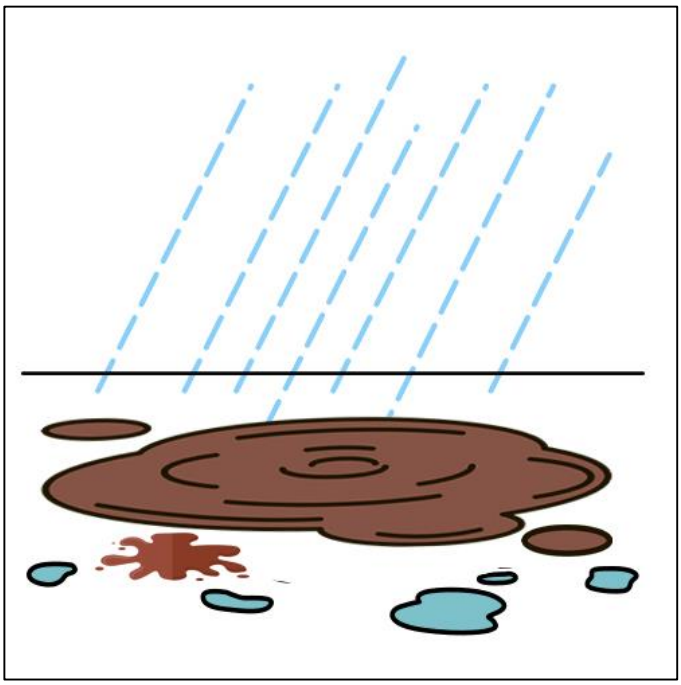
An helicopter dedicated to securing somebody.

Muster Area



A place where everyone in an area is ordered to go in case of emergency or danger.

Puddle



A puddle or stream of water on dry surfaces.

GENERAL TERMS

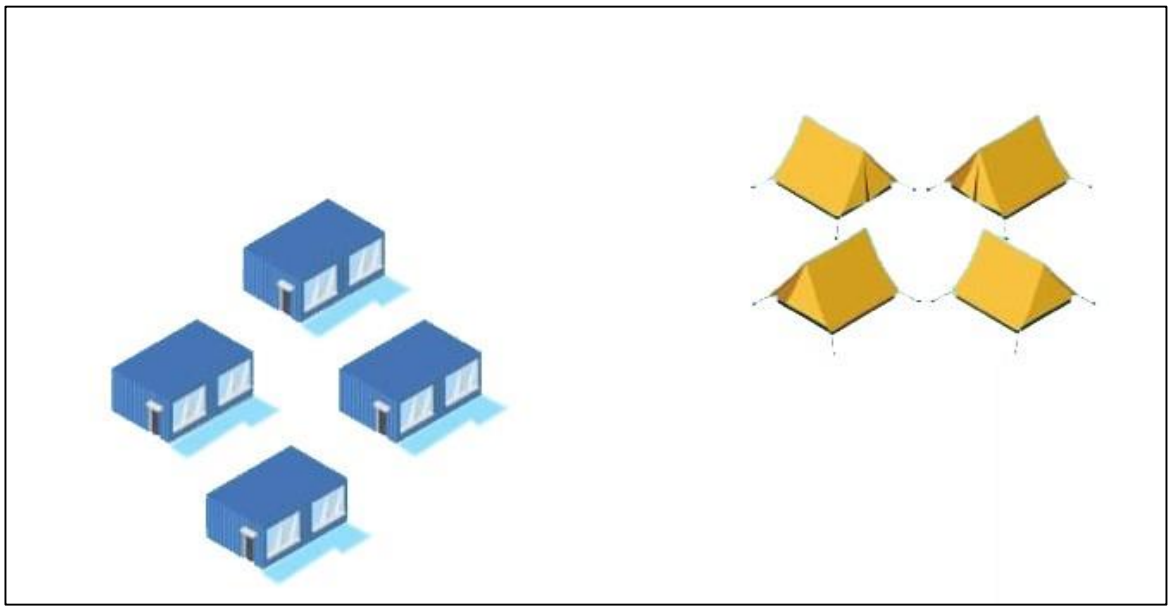
Red Crescent / Red Cross

An international organization that takes care of people in danger.

Rescue

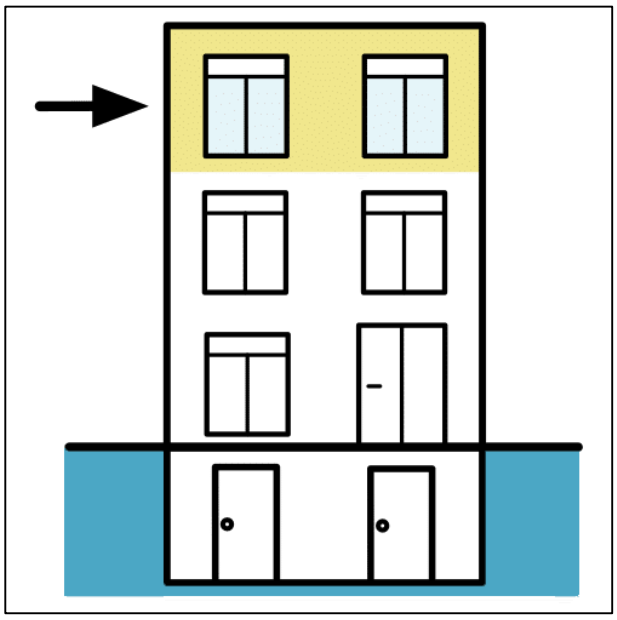
Securing someone from a dangerous situation

Temporary shelter



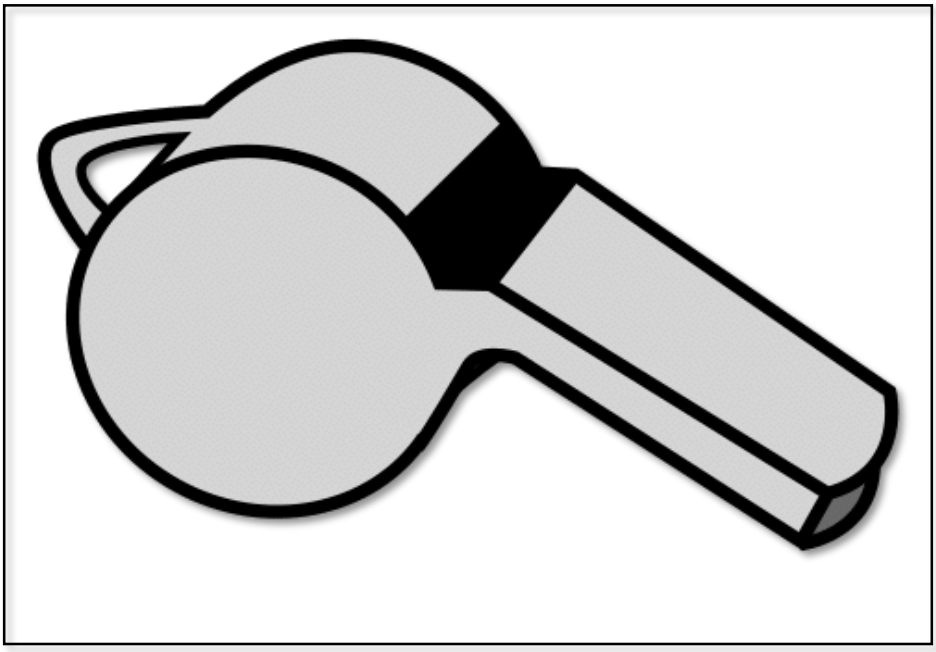
Public buildings, guesthouses, sports halls, social facilities, schools, large tents, etc., set up in order to provide temporary housing for victims of disasters.

The High Point



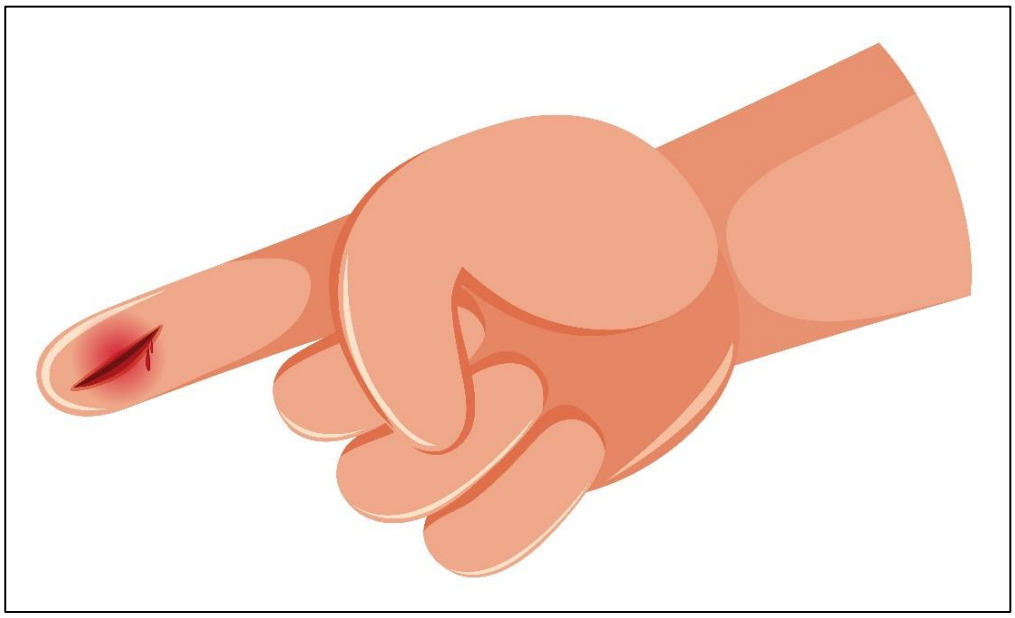
A place that is above everything else in the area, where you could be safe in case of floods.

Whistle



An object that you blow through in order to make a loud sound.

Wounded



A person that is injured, for example with a cut or a hole in the skin.

Do Not Inhale Smoke

Do not breathe the gray or black gas produced when something is burned

Do Not Use Lift

Do not use the machine used to go up or down in buildings in dangerous situations.

PROPER ACTIONS

Drop-Cover-Hold

For protection during earthquake

(1) Drop down onto hands and knees,

(2) Cover head and neck,

(3) Hold on to shelter.

To Extinguish

Stop the burning of.

PROPER ACTIONS

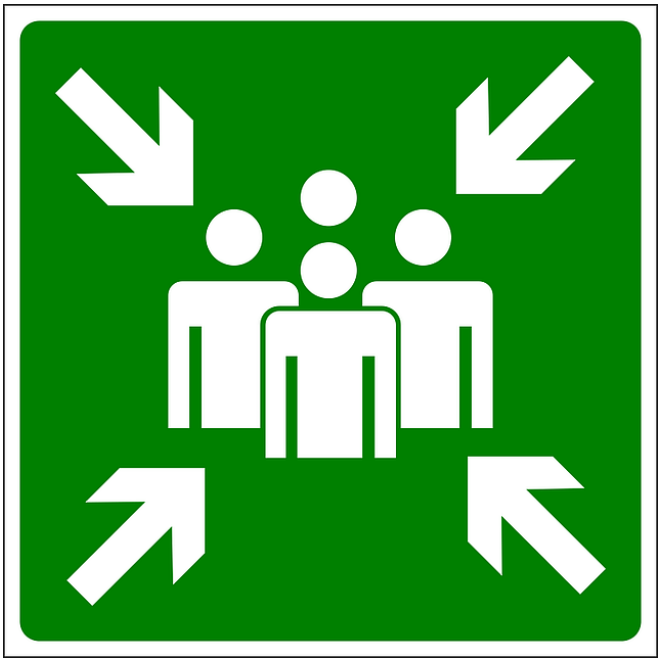
Ask Someone for Help

Go to a person who can help to avoid a dangerous situation.

Go To A Reliable Person

Going to an adult for protection from a dangerous situation.

Go To Muster Area



Seeking a safe place to avoid a dangerous situation.

Run! Hurry Up!

To run, to hurry up to get out of a dangerous situation.

PROPER ACTIONS

Scream For Help

Screaming for help from someone in a dangerous situation.

Send Message

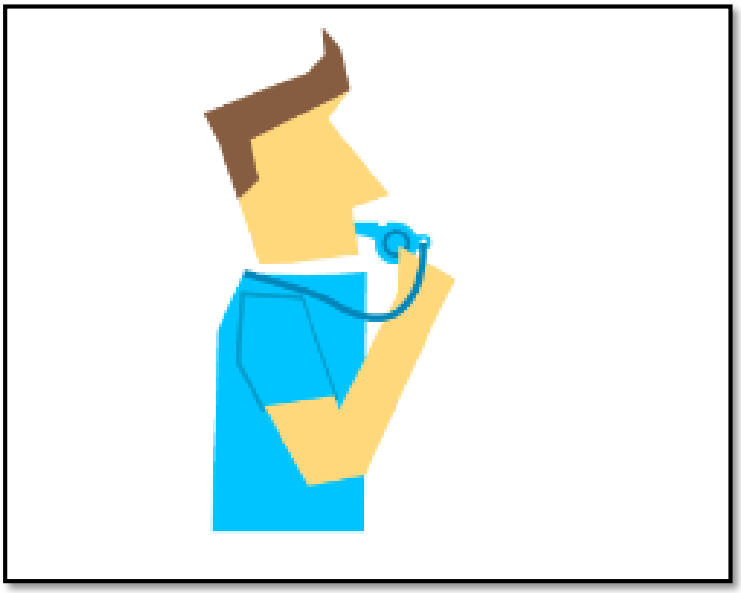
Sending a help message via phone to a person who is not with you.

PROPER ACTIONS

Stay Away From Buildings

Staying away from buildings for protection during and after an earthquake.

Whistle For Help



Make a high sound by forcing air through a small hole or passage, especially through the lips, or through a special device held to the lips

AFAD

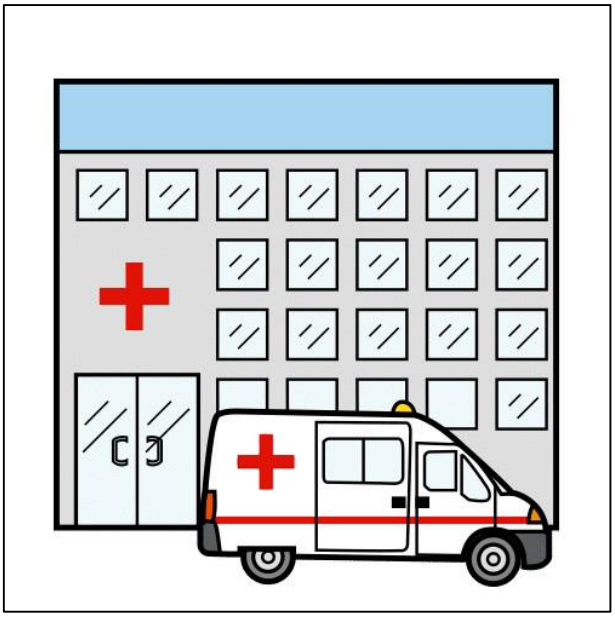
The place where men and women work in uniforms that help people when disasters such as earthquakes, fires, and floods occur in Türkiye.

Fire Department

Fire extinguishing process and the general name given to the organization performing this process

TRUSTED BUILDINGS

Hospital



A health institution that provides outpatient or inpatient health services to sick and injured people.

Police Station

Buildings and facilities where police officers work

Disaster Response Team

A group of specially trained people wearing uniforms who help people in disasters such as earthquakes, floods, storms, and fires.

Firefighter

Men and women wearing red uniforms who are tasked with putting out fires in and around our home

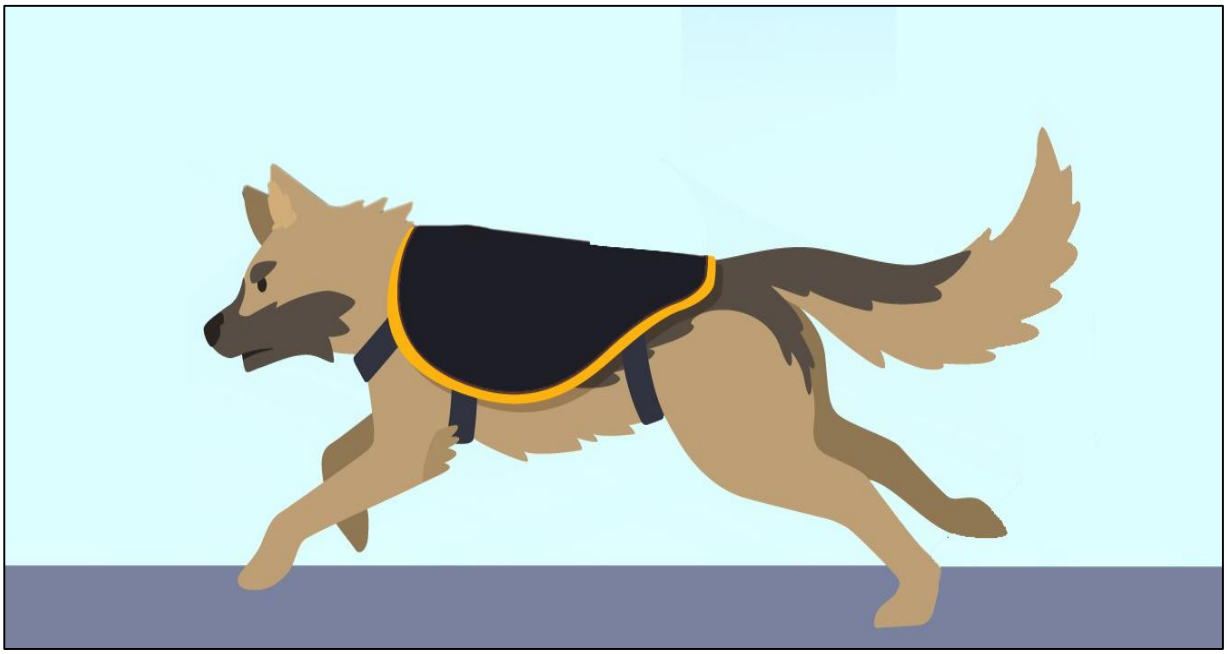
Medical Staff

Men and women in white coats who prescribe medicine, dress and operate to heal us when we are sick or injured

Police

Men and women wearing blue and black uniforms protecting people's belongings, cars, homes and themselves

Rescue Dog



Dog trained to find or rescue people or objects

Soldier

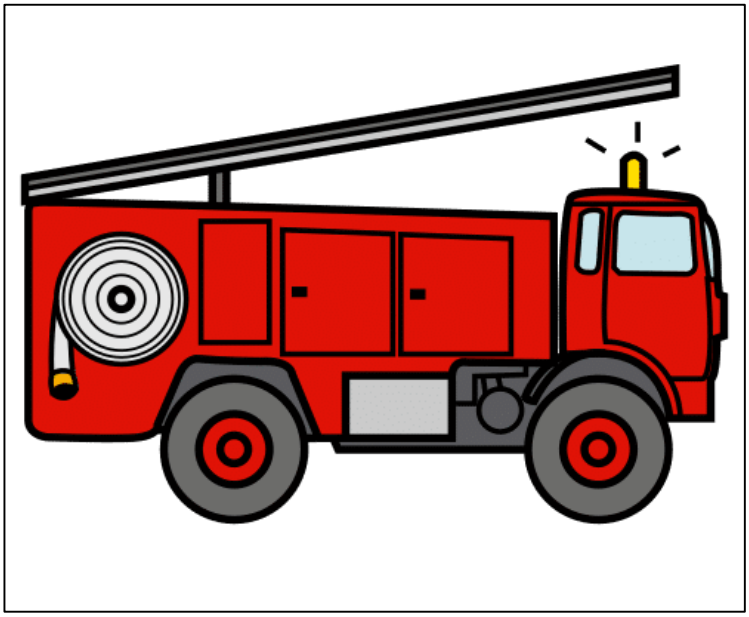
Men and women wearing blue, green or white uniforms with markings on their arms and shoulders, protecting our country in the air, on land and at sea.

TRUSTED VEHICLES

Ambulance

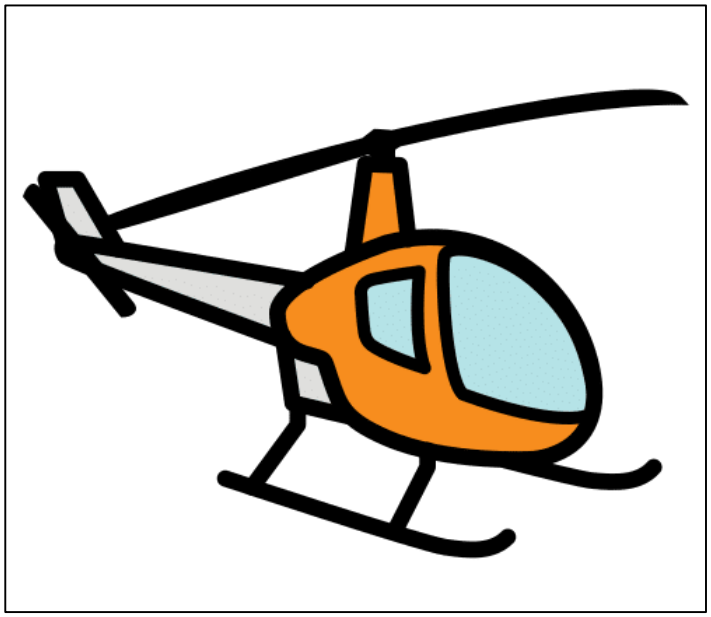
Specially equipped vehicles for transporting the sick or injured between hospitals or for the purpose of transporting them to the hospital

Fire Truck



Cars and trucks used by firefighters to extinguish fires and carry firefighters' belongings

Helicopter



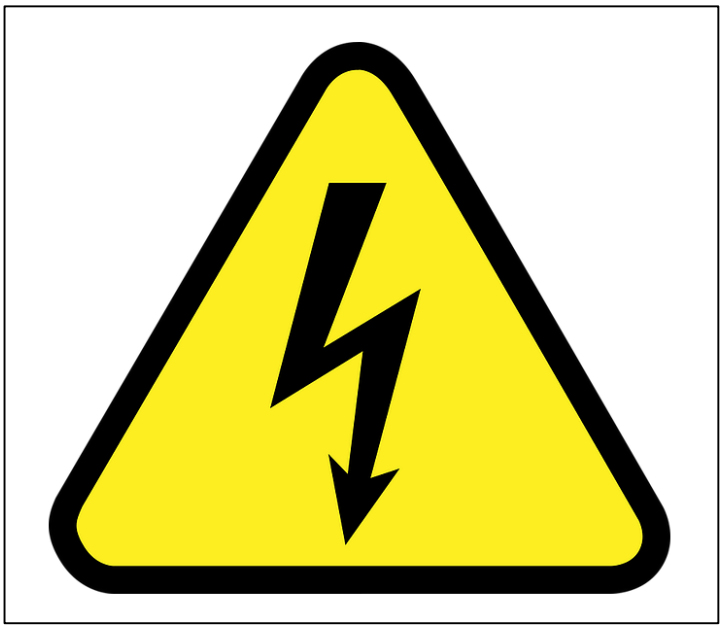
Rotary-wing aircraft capable of vertical take-off and landing from the ground

Police Car

White vehicles with blue inscriptions used by the police

WARNING SIGNS

Electrical Hazard



Warning sign against electrical hazard.

Fire Bell

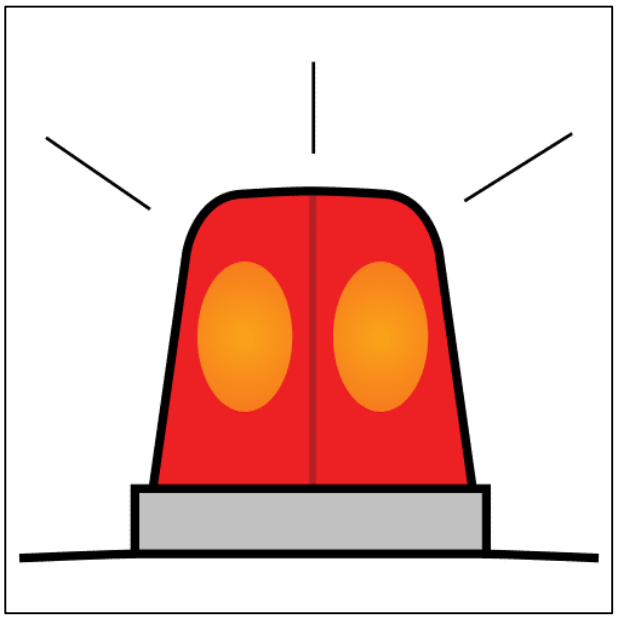
Alarm bell to be used to warn people if there is a fire in the building we are in

WARNING SIGNS

Fire Danger

Warning sign against fire danger.

Siren



Loud sounding device used by police, ambulances and firefighters.

Warning

Warning sign against dangers.

I LEARN AND GET BEYOND MY LIMITS
ÖĞRENİYORUM VE SINIRLARIMI AŞIYORUM

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