

Water Safety - Lesson Plans

Activity 2- Know your Water Safety Signs

Curriculum for Excellence Experiences and Outcomes

I am learning to assess and manage risk, to protect myself and others and to reduce the potential for harm when possible. **HWB 1-16a.**

1. Connecting the Learning - Display a picture of an electricity substation including a hazard sign. Ask the class, 'How would you know that this is a dangerous place?' Explain that the class are going to learn about special signs that warn of the dangers of water hazards. Remind the pupils about the previous lesson on spotting water hazards and have a quick recap on the variety of different hazards near water, e.g. rivers, reservoirs, canals, lochs etc.

2. Sharing the Learning Outcomes -

- I can recognise water safety signs
- I know that lochs, reservoirs or rivers without signs are still dangerous

3. Active Learning - Play the 'Know your water safety signs' game (Go Safe website, First Level, Water, Activity 2) giving pupils a chance to match the symbols to their meaning.

4. Demonstrating Understanding - Display a few examples of other types of warning signs, e.g. electricity - 'danger of death' signs, road signs etc. alongside the water hazard signs and ask the class to describe the colours and symbols. Ask 'Why are warning sign very often yellow or red and black?' Set the class a design challenge to invent a new warning sign for water hazards.

5. Review and Recall - Remind the class of the Learning Outcomes and ask selected pupils to tell the rest of the class what they know about water safety.