HEALTH / 911 CRAGSMAN

KNOW WHEN TO CALL 911

If you are anything like me, you love excitement and adventure, but what about when things go wrong? What will you do?

Will you try to fix it yourself? Or will you try to get help?

It's comforting to know that the emergency services are available when things get just too much for us, but it's important to know when we should call and when we shouldn't.

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EARN THIS NUGGET

Create a list of ten things that you should call 911 about and, ten things that you should not call 911 for and discuss with your parents.

Then, take the list below and write out the information on a sheet of paper to keep near the phone so you know what to say if you must call.

Also keep some alternative numbers if it's not a true emergency. You may even like to do some role-playing with your parents.

- 1. Home Address
- 2. Home/Cell Phone Numbers
- 3. Non-Emergency numbers for the Fire Department and the Police
- 4. Poison Control
- 5. Your Doctors Name and Number
- 6. Emergency Contacts of Family or Friends
- 7. Pastor's Number

My friend Jimmy went out to play near the Eagle Heights Bluff. Now I gotta tell you, we weren't supposed to play there. Our parents made it clear, so when Jimmy slipped and fell, I was scared we were going to get in trouble. But Jimmy was hurt, really hurt, so hurt that he couldn't get up! I ran to the nearest phone and called 911.

While I knew we weren't where we were meant to be, I knew it was important to call for help. If I hadn't called for help, I would've been in even more trouble. What would have happened to poor Jimmy?

So here are some times you want to call 911:

- Someone gets hurt and they can't respond to you.
- You think someone is breaking into your home.
- You or a friend is choking and you need help.
- You smell gas in your home.

There are some times that you absolutely should not call 911:

- You can't find a bandage.
- The dog has run off.
- For a joke, or just so you can see a fire truck come to your house. It's super important to only use 911 for emergencies.

