



Nuclear Shelter Exercise

This is a good patrol activity to get Scouts discussing an issue and making value judgements. If running it as a troop activity, maybe have each patrol go through the exercise, reach their decisions and then have a general discussion/debate about the issues involved.

Scenario (to be read out):

Your patrol has to make some serious decisions that will not only affect your lives and the lives of a small group of other people, but perhaps the whole human species! You are in charge of a research taking place in a bunker underground. Suddenly, nuclear war breaks out. Bombs are raining down and the world gets destroyed more and more everyday. The whole population is desperately looking for nuclear shelters.

You receive an emergency call from outside your bunker: "There are 10 of us here we are looking for shelter, please help us!" However, your shelter only has enough room and supplies for 6 people. You will need to decide who of the 6 people outside is allowed into the bunker. It is a hard decision to take as you only have a superficial description of these people. Think carefully as the 6 people entering the shelter might be some of the few human beings to survive the war. Remember, there are no right or wrong answers, just opinions, make yours count!

This activity is a modified version of one found in *SPI Animer* from the Scouts et Guides Pluralistes de Belgique .





Nuclear Shelter Exercise: List for each patrol

Below are the descriptions of the 10 people:

- A 30 year old sailor (M)
- His wife, 6 months pregnant (F)
- A third year student in medicine (M)
- A 42 year old famous historian (M)
- A biochemist (F)
- A young TV pop star (F)
- A 54 year old priest (M)
- A secondary school student (F)
- An armed policeman (F)
- A 24 year old carpenter (M)

Choose six of these people, and have a clear reason for each one.

