

TEAM LEADERSHIP PROBLEM

21. LAND MINES

Theme: Leadership Styles

Estimated Time: 25-30 minutes

Resources Required: One blindfold for each team {uniform ties, handkerchiefs, bandanas or anything that can be used as a blindfold}. Arrange the room in advance by placing desks, chairs or other objects in an area about 10' by 10'.

Activity Description and Step-by-Step Instructions:

A leader's first task is to accomplish the mission. He or she needs to communicate with his or her team on how best to accomplish the mission. Divide the group into teams of 4 or 5. Have each team select a leader and a follower. The others will serve as judges.

The leader stands on the outside of the 10' by 10' area with the blindfolded follower. The judges can enter the 10' by 10' area. The judges are to say "boom" anytime the blindfolded follower touches any object and are to safely escort the blindfolded follower back to the leader to start over.

The object of the game is for the leader to safely get his or her blindfolded follower to the opposite side of the 10' by 10' area without hitting a land mine.

{Variations: You can have other teams going through the land mine from other directions simultaneously, or you can have more than one blindfolded follower.}

Discussion Questions:

What were some methods used that worked or did not work?

What were some ways to make the team work more efficiently?

What were some concepts learned from this exercise?

How can these concepts be applied outside this activity?