

Play by the Rules

Worksheet 9-2: Freeze-Frame Scenarios

Scenario I

People: Teenagers, homeowner and two police officers

Actions: Driving and drinking alcohol, doing drugs, playing loud music and spinning tires in neighborhood lawns

It's late on a Saturday night and a group of teens are riding around a local neighborhood known for its steep hills and scenic views. They are all drinking beer and two teens are smoking marijuana in the back seat. As they speed down a steep hill in the neighborhood, they knock down a mailbox and drive through yards spinning the vehicle's tires. A homeowner hears the vehicle and loud music and calls the police. The teenagers continue to drive throughout the neighborhood, tearing through lawns and a park until the police stop them.

Scenario II

People: Teenage skateboarders, park manager and two police officers

Actions: Skateboarding at a local park, drinking alcohol, skateboarding in a movie theater parking lot, running into several cars, and refusing to give names and addresses to police

On a Sunday afternoon, a group of teenagers are skateboarding at a local park. The manager suspects them of drinking and kicks them out. They leave and decide to skate across the street in the movie theater parking lot. As they skate through the parking lot, which is full of cars, several of the teens begin doing tricks on the curbs. Soon, two or three of them hit a couple of cars, making a loud noise. This alerts the local police who provide security for the theater. As the police officers question the teens, they refuse to give the officers their names and parents' names.

Scenario III

People: Teenage girls and a school resource officer (SRO)

Actions: Driving while talking on cell phones, text messaging, using iPods, putting on makeup and playing loud music

Several teenage girls are in a car going to school and are already late for first period. The driver took her older sister's car without asking and was in too big of a hurry to remove the bottle of wine from under the seat. They are all busy talking on cell phones, putting on makeup, playing with an iPod, etc. The passenger in the front seat did not use her seat belt so as not to wrinkle her blouse. They are speeding through the school parking lot as they approach the school and see the school resource officer.

Scenario IV

People: Teen bikers, friends with a truck, two adults in automobiles and two police officers

Actions: Bicycling while holding on to a vehicle, riding against traffic and on sidewalks and riding on handlebars

A group of teens who do not have their driver's licenses ride their bikes to school. In order to get there faster, they hold on to their friend's truck and make it to school much faster. When not riding with the truck, they sometimes ride against the traffic and on the sidewalks to avoid the stop signs and red lights. One of the teens gives his younger brother a ride to school on the handlebars. After several near-miss accidents with cars, the police approach the teens. The teens jump on their bikes and run from the police.