

Worksheet 3 : Role Plays to test helping strategies

Make enough (number of participants divided by 3) copies of this worksheet. Cut out the scenarios and distribute to the different groups. Give the cutouts for each role to the person playing the part.

Scenario 1

Information for Nurse Role: You have a case where you are treating a broken arm of a 5-year-old girl. You notice other suspicious bruises. You interview the child to find out what is happening.

Information for Child Role: You are a 5-year-old girl. You are in the hospital because your mother threw you down and you broke your arm. Your mother is sometimes angry with you for small things and she is nice at other times. You have been beaten and, afterwards, your mother hugs you and tells you sorry. Your mother is crying outside the room and she tells you not to tell anybody what happened. She tells you she would not do it again. You are feeling scared and do not know what to do. Your arm is hurting badly.

Scenario 2

Information for Nurse Role: You have a case where a 13-year-old girl is being treated for a miscarriage brought on by use of tablets.

Information for Child Role: You are a 13-year-old girl. Your stepfather has been having sex with you. Your mother found out and beat you and told you not to tell anyone. You told your mother you were feeling unwell and your mother found out you were pregnant. She then gave you some tablets to drink and told you to go into the latrine. You had noticed a lot of blood and felt a lot of pain and that the foetus had come out. Afterwards, you continued to bleed. Your mother brought you to the hospital, warning you not to say anything about who you were pregnant for.

Scenario 3

Information for Nurse Role: An 8-year-old boy whose hands have been burnt and scarred is brought to you by his teacher. You have noticed other marks on his hands and face.

Information for Child Role: You are an 8-year-old boy. Your mother threw hot water on your hands because you had not done what she had asked you to do. Your mother hits you and sometimes has used a wire and mop stick to beat you. Afterwards, she tells you that you make her do those things to you and she is fed up with you. Sometimes she is nice to you. Your teacher noticed the marks and forced you to come to the hospital. Your mother had put ointment on the marks. You do not like the hospital and you want to go home. You do not want your mother to get into trouble.