

Communities: Public Services

Read through the information about emergency services in fact sheet **5.3 Communities – Public Services**, then complete these activities.

Activity 1

Car Crash Carnage

Severe rain conditions and low visibility led to a traffic accident involving two vehicles on the A95 on Monday afternoon. Tragically one passenger experienced fatal head injuries whilst one driver and fellow passenger are left in a stable but serious condition. Witnesses please contact your local police station.



Discuss how this road collision might affect a community. Think about:

- The victims, their family and friends
- The person or people who caused the crash
- The emergency services
- Hospital staff (e.g. doctors, nurses, specialists, counsellors)
- The legal system (e.g. solicitors, jury, judge, guard)
- Undertakers
- Religious leaders
- Neighbours and other residents
- Community groups
- Commuters
- Businesses
- People thinking of moving to the area
- Local government
- The community's economy
- Future generations
- Who else might be affected?

Activity 2

Choose one of the emergency/public services in your area and find out more about what it does, and what the public can do to make its job easier.

Activity 3

Research your local council, its representatives and their policies. Think what you would like to ask your local councillor about your community, identifying what is good about your community and what could be done to improve it.

Activity 4

In groups, develop role-play scenarios showing an emergency service being carried out (e.g. paramedics arriving at the scene of an accident).