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Minefield Challenge



Introduction

Brief Overview

Step into the Minefield, a thrilling exercise where team members guide each other through a field of obstacles blindfolded! It's a test of trust, communication, and calm under pressure, sprinkled with laughter and moments of triumph.

Purpose

Minefield is designed to strengthen team bonds, improve verbal communication, and enhance problem-solving strategies under unique constraints. It's perfect for highlighting the importance of <u>trust</u> and <u>clear instructions</u> in teamwork.





Ideal Participants

This challenge is a hit among teams of all sizes and types, from corporate groups looking to enhance workplace dynamics to educational settings aiming to foster collaboration among students.

Materials Needed

List of Materials

- Blindfolds for half of the participants
- Objects to serve as "mines" (e.g., cones, balls, soft toys)
- A spacious room or outdoor area

Visual Aids

- Layout of the minefield for facilitators
- Inspirational quotes about trust and teamwork to share post-challenge

Training Flow & Timeline

Total Duration: 45 minutes

Time Breakdown for Minefield Challenge

- 10 minutes for setting up and briefing
- o 20 minutes for the minefield navigation
- o 15 minutes for debrief and reflection

Rules for the Minefield Challenge



- No Visual Cues: The blindfolded participants cannot see; they must rely solely on their partner's instructions.
- Verbal Instructions Only: Guides can only use their voice to navigate their partner through the minefield.
- Contact Equals Start Over: If a blindfolded participant touches a mine, they must start from the beginning.

Step-by-step Guide to Minefield Challenge

Step 1: Prep and Pair Up

Activity: Explain the rules and set up the minefield. Form pairs,

deciding who navigates first.

Time: 10 minutes

Step 2: Blindfold and Begin

Activity: Blindfold one partner and position them at the start of

the minefield.

Time: Immediate

Step 3: Navigate the Minefield

Activity: The guide provides verbal instructions to help their

partner avoid the mines and reach the end of the field.

Time: 20 minutes

Step 4: Switch Roles

Activity: Swap roles and repeat the challenge to ensure both

members experience both roles.

Time: 20 minutes



Key Learnings & Takeaways

Minefield not only reinforces the importance of clear communication but also the trust necessary for effective teamwork. It's a vivid reminder that together, obstacles can become manageable, even fun.

Next Steps

Challenge teams to reflect on their experience and identify ways to apply these lessons to their work. Encourage them to tackle real-life "minefields" with the same trust and cooperation.

Feedback

We love hearing from you! Your insights and experiences help shape future training, making them even more engaging and impactful.

Cheating

The spirit of the Minefield is trust and teamwork. Cheating undermines these principles. Facilitators should gently remind participants of the challenge's true goals if necessary.

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