

Survival Simulation Series

TEAM DEVELOPMENT

Take your teams further than they've ever gone with these popular activities

Will your team survive? Unlock the secret of synergy.

HS SURVIVAL SIMULATION SERIES

If you're looking for a complete solution to your team development challenges, look no further than the HIS Survival Simulation. These high impact activities efficiently teach the behaviours and skills of successful group problem solving and decision making—in a safe, controlled environment.

Cascades Survival Situation™

On the way back from a weekend retreat, the helicopter carrying you and your group encounters a snow storm and crashes in a small clearing high in the Cascades Mountains. Your task is to rank 12 items salvaged from the crash in the order of their importance to your team's survival. 1 - 1 ½ hours.

Subarctic Survival Situation™

35 kilometres east of your intended destination, your plane crashes in the subarctic region of northern Québec/Newfoundland in early October. Rank the 15 items salvaged from the plane in the order of their importance. 1 ½ - 2 ½ hours.

Desert Survival Situation™

It's a hot August day and your plane has just crash-landed in the Sonoran Desert in the southwestern United States. Your challenge is to rank 15 items salvaged from the plane in order of their importance to your team's survival. 1 ½ - 2 ½ hours.

Desert II Survival Situation.

Similar situation to the Desert Survival, Desert II requires teams to identify their four greatest problems, the best strategy, the importance of each of the 16 items, and their use. 2 ½ - 3 ½ hours.

Bushfire Survival Situation™

Your group is on holiday in the Dandenong Ranges just east of Melbourne, Australia when you suddenly notice a bushfire approaching. Based on the scenario, rank 12 items in the order of their importance to your team's survival. 1 ½ - 2 hours.

Reef Survival Situation™

On an excursion from Tahiti to Australia, your yacht strikes a coral reef and begins taking on water. Rank 12 items in order of their importance to your team's survival. 1 ½ - 2 hours

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Sea Survival Situation™

You are on a 12 metre sailing yacht in the Caribbean Sea when suddenly, in the middle of the night the vessel begins to sink. Your team has to rank ten survival strategies and then 15 salvaged items in order of their importance for your team's survival. 2 – 3 hours.

Jungle Survival Situation™

Your chartered twin-engine plane is flying from Panama to the Caribbean when it starts to lose altitude. It crashes in the jungle, 25 kilometres from the Caribbean and 80 Kilometers from the Pacific Ocean. Your task is rank the 15 salvaged items in order of their importance to your team's survival. 1 ½ - 2 ½ hours.

Tsunami Survival Situation™

Your group is enjoying a beach party on the coast in central Chile when a text message alerts that a tsunami is approaching. Individually and then in your team, rank eight items in the order of their importance to your team's survival. 1 – 1 ½ hours.

SURVIVAL SIMULATION ENHANCEMENTS

Leaders' Guide

Each of the Survival Simulations offers a Leaders' Guide that contains all the information you'll need for a successful program. Each guide includes expert's decisions and rationale, scoring instructions, program designs, and tips for discussing the interpersonal and ration skills that lead to effective team performance.

Video Enhancements

The survival videos use authentic location footage. They bring the simulation "to life" and increase the level of enthusiasm for the participants. They also assist you in presenting important content in a logical sequence.

Observers' Guide

This guide allows an individual, while observing a group, to assess and record the group's interpersonal and rational skills objectively. This information is provided after the groups discover their survival results. These insights help members assess their individual impact on the team's performance

APPLICATIONS

The Survival Simulations are an exciting way to teach the benefits of effective group problem-solving. They are ideal to measure a group's skills because few teams have an "expert" on their team. Therefore they must rely on the limited knowledge that each participant has in order to achieve their goal of survival. They can be used as an ice-breaker or as the primary activity in a team development program.

We strongly advise the use of the **Group Styles Inventory™ (GSI)** as part of your team development program. The GSI allows team members to rate their teams' attitudes and behaviours along the same twelve styles and three clusters as used in the LSI and OCI. The GSI guide provides strategies that elevates the program from a game to a valuable learning experience.