

Emergency Situations: Bystander Behaviour



You are walking through the pedestrianised part of town. In front of you, an elderly man collapses to the floor, clutching at his chest. What do you do? Why?



Whilst sitting in a lecture, diligently taking notes and thinking very hard, you notice smoke beginning to seep through a ventilation duct. The lecturer doesn't react, and neither do any of the other students all of whom, of course, are wide-awake. What do you do? Why?



Whilst lying in bed at night, you are woken by what sounds like gunshots. Do you call the police? Why (not)?



Walking past the door of a pub late at night, you see a man and a woman apparently arguing. As you approach, the woman is hit and starts screaming for someone to help. Do you just walk away? Do you try to help?

