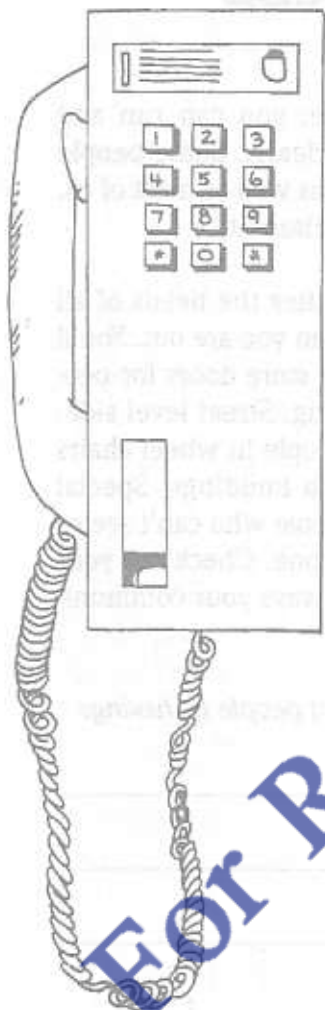


Using a Public Telephone



A telephone is very useful for helping us organize our world, and you probably make a lot of phone calls. Have you ever used a public telephone? Ask one of your leaders to take your six to a public telephone and let you call home so that you can practise it. When you use a public telephone, make sure that you have the right coins to make it work and dial the number carefully. Let the phone ring eight to ten times before you hang up.



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In most provinces, you can dial "0" without paying any money if there is an emergency. Tell the operator what the problem is and ask to be connected with the proper emergency number. In some provinces, you may have to use a coin to call the operator, but you'll likely get it back when you are finished the call.

You can even dial "0" and ask the operator to connect you with your home if you need help from your parents and don't have money. But because your family will be charged extra on its phone bill, you should not do this if you don't have to.



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Some areas have 911 as a special emergency number you can dial without paying money. Ask an adult to find out whether your area has 911, but only use this number if there is an emergency.

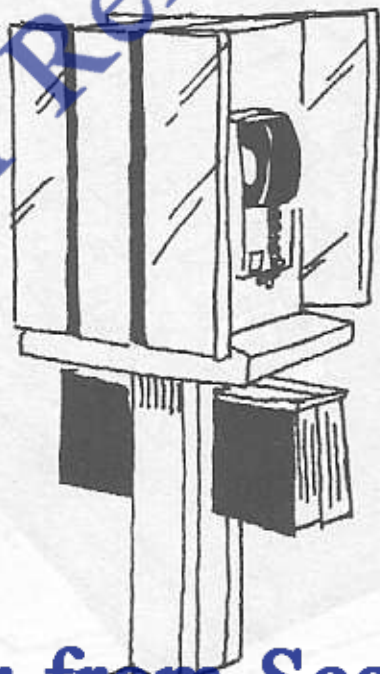
The public telephone I used is at: _____

(location)

The number I called was _____ and the
person I talked to was _____

(name)

It cost me _____ to make the call.



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Have you ever used a telephone book? If not, ask one of your leaders or another Cub who knows how, to bring a telephone book to a Cub meeting to show you how to look up numbers in it. Find some emergency numbers for your community and write them in.

Fire station _____

Ambulance _____

Poison Control _____

Police station _____

Nearest hospital _____

Other _____

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