Safeguarding

Mitigating risk

Risk mitigation is the process of understanding certain risks and threats, accepting that they exist, and taking the appropriate measures to reduce their effects in case they happen. It is a part of the risk assessment process and is necessary to prepare an organisation for any threats to its operations and processes.

Task

- Ask each person to write down on a small card, his or her worst fear concerning safety.

- Put all cards in a bag.

- In turn, each person pulls out a card and then starting the sentence with 'unfortunately', reads it out.

- They then start a new sentence with 'fortunately' followed by the action they would take.

For example:
Unfortunately, whilst making pancakes the pan caught on fire.
Fortunately, there were two adults in the kitchen – one evacuated the children, the other turned off the heat and covered the pan with a fire blanket.

- This continues until all consequences have been explored
- The next person then takes a card.