Active Supervision: What Would You Do?

Active Supervision involves all your skills as a teacher and caregiver. Read the following scenarios. Identify the problems related to supervision. Then brainstorm possible solutions.

Scenario: It's a beautiful day outside. You have taken the children to a nearby playground. All the children seem busy and engaged outdoors. You sit down under a playground awning and begin to write down some documentation notes. Two of your preschool children join you, and before long, you are an honored guest at their pretend picnic.

What is the problem?

What are possible solutions?

Scenario: You have noticed the children's strong interest in camping lately and a family member offers to bring in their tent for you to temporarily borrow. You love this idea, but when the parent brings it in, you realize the fabric is solid on all sides and the doors zip closed.

What is the problem?

What are possible solutions?

Scenario: A new child has enrolled in your child care program. Although she has only been there for about an hour, she has already found all the doors and tried to run outside. She also knows how to operate the safety gate you have in place.

What is the problem?
What are possible solutions?

Scenario: A man you do not recognize arrives at your home and tells you he is Mark’s uncle. He tells you that he has come to pick him up. His name is not on the list of names Mark’s parents provided.

What is the problem?

What are possible solutions?

Scenario: The bus arrives and you notice that one of the children, Lily, is not there. Her best friend Susan tells you that she was not at school that day. Since you know that they are best friends you believe her.

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What are possible solutions?