

The Game of Life

Ranking Life Crises, from “Most Preventable” to “Unpreventable”

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You have now read about and discussed the life crises that young adults commonly experience. As a reminder, these experiences include:

- 1) Vehicle Accidents – getting into an accident when you’re driving your car or truck.
- 2) Absenteeism / Tardiness – showing up late or missing work.
- 3) Job Safety – violating safety standards and getting hurt on the job, missing work, or even getting fired.
- 4) Personal Safety – getting hurt at home and missing work or getting fired.
- 5) Family Health Crisis – a member of your family getting sick and requiring you to provide care.
- 6) Layoff –losing your job because your company is not doing well financially.
- 7) Termination for Cause – doing something that causes your employer to fire you.
- 8) Personal Conflict –conflict on the job (and in your personal life) that might threaten your employment.

Your mission: rank these eight life crises from “**Most Preventable**” (those that are under your control to avoid if you behave in responsible ways) to “**Unpreventable**” (those misfortunes that could happen to anyone, no matter how careful they try to be).

First you’ll rank these crises individually. Then you’ll work in a team to develop a team ranking.

It is O.K. if your individual ranking is different than your team’s ranking – in fact, you can expect this to be the case.

Your Name		Date	
Teacher		Period	

Individual Ranking: Ranking Life Crises	
Instructions	<p>Review the eight life crises below. Think about which you can prevent by acting in responsible ways. Think about those that could happen to anyone, no matter how careful they tried to be.</p> <p>Rank these crises from 1 (most preventable) to 8 (unpreventable).</p> <p>You must rank these from 1 to 8. No ties. No half points. (This is called a “forced ranking.”)</p> <p>There is no one “right answer.” Try your best. <i>Good luck!</i></p>
Life Crises	Your Rank
<u>Vehicle Accidents</u> – getting into an accident when you’re driving your car or truck.	
<u>Absenteeism / Tardiness</u> – showing up late or missing work.	
<u>Job Safety</u> – violating safety standards and getting hurt on the job, missing work or even getting fired.	
<u>Personal Safety</u> – getting hurt at home and missing work or getting fired.	
<u>Family Health Crisis</u> – a member of your family getting sick and requiring you to provide care.	
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<u>Personal Conflict</u> –conflict on the job (and in your personal life) that might threaten your employment.	

Team Ranking: Ranking Life Crises	
Instructions	<p>After you've completed your individual rankings, your teacher will assign you to work as a team to develop a team ranking.</p> <p>Rank these crises from 1 (most preventable) to 8 (unpreventable).</p> <p>The purpose of this exercise is to practice what it's like to work as a team with work colleagues who might think and express themselves differently.</p> <p><i>It's O.K. if your team ranking is different than your individual ranking – in fact, you can expect this to be the case. Good luck!</i></p>
Life Crises	Team Rank
<u>Vehicle Accidents</u> – getting into an accident when you're driving your car or truck.	
<u>Absenteeism / Tardiness</u> – showing up late or missing work.	
<u>Job Safety</u> – violating safety standards and getting hurt on the job, missing work or even getting fired.	
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<u>Family Health Crisis</u> – a member of your family getting sick and requiring you to provide care.	
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<u>Personal Conflict</u> – conflict on the job (and in your personal life) that might threaten your employment.	
Team Member Names	

Written Assignment

- 1) Thinking about your individual life crises ranking, which crises did you feel were most preventable if you acted in responsible ways?

- 2) Thinking about your individual life crises ranking, which crises did you feel were unpreventable, misfortunes that could happen to anyone, even someone acting responsibly?

- 3) Which life crises were the most difficult to rank – which life crises seem to be partly preventable and partly unpreventable?

- 4) How do your team rankings differ from your individual rankings? Do you think your team rankings are about as good as your individual rankings or worse? Why?

- 5) When you present your team rankings to your virtual mentor, what crises will you emphasize are the most preventable? Which crises will you emphasize are unpreventable? Which crises do you believe are in the middle between most preventable and unpreventable? ***How will you defend your team rankings when you present them to your virtual mentor?***