

Protect Well

Characters

- Teenager
- Father

Props

- None

Time

About 4 minutes

Teenager: Uh-oh. I'm in big trouble.

Father: What did you say?

Teenager: Ah, nothing. How are you, Dad? Is your day going well?

Father: My day is fine. How is yours?

Teenager: Good. Good. Good. I gotta go.

Father: Where are you off to?

Teenager: Friends. I gotta see my friends. (Teenager goes to another area of the room.)

Father: Something has happened. He (or she) is acting strange. My teenager *never* asks me how I'm doing. I wish I knew what was going on.

Teenager: (In a different area of the room.) I'm so sunk. My dad is going to kill me. I just got my new cell phone, and I.... Oh, I can't even say it! Okay, I'll admit it: I dropped it in the toilet!

Father: (In a different area of the room from the teenager.) I just know something has happened. But I can't force my teenager to talk to me.

Teenager: (Still in the other area of the room.) My life is over, isn't it? I hate it when stuff like this happens. My dad thinks I'm stupid and then he wants to get rid of me. And I don't have a phone!

Father: (Still in a different area of the room from the teenager.) I wish he would talk to me. What's the worst thing that could have happened? At least he's okay. That's the main thing.

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- Teenager: Okay. I can't stand it anymore. Plus, I'm hungry. I need something to eat. (Walks back to the area where the father is.) Hey, Dad. I'm hungry. What's there to eat?
- Father: It's not quite time for dinner. Do you want to grab a snack from the cupboard?
- Teenager: Okay.
- Father: You seem upset. Are you okay?
- Teenager: (Grunts.)
- Father: You know you can talk to me about anything, right?
- Teenager: (Grunts.)
- Father: I care about you. You can tell me.
- Teenager: Okay! Okay! I admit it. I dropped my cell phone in the toilet! It doesn't work anymore. Go ahead, just kill me! (Teenager ducks.)
- Father: I'm not going to kill you.
- Teenager: (Teenager looks up.) What? Aren't you mad at me?
- Father: (Dad turns toward the group and makes angry faces.) Okay, maybe just a little. But I want to hear what happened.
- Teenager: I told you. Cell phone. Toilet. Splash.
- Father: Accidents happen.
- Teenager: But I can't live without my cell phone! What am I going to do?
- Father: How much do you have saved?
- Teenager: Saved? You mean you want me to use my money to pay for a cell phone? What happened to your money?
- Father: Apparently it fell into the toilet.

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Teenager: Not funny, Dad. Seriously, can't you help out?

Father: Yes, I can help you. Let's figure out a savings plan.

Teenager: That hurts.

Father: It does hurt when bad things happen and you don't have an emergency plan. Let's figure out how to earn and save your money. Then let's talk to the cell phone provider to find out if there's an insurance plan.

Teenager: I don't need insurance. I need a cell phone. Now.

Father: Insurance helps out when bad things happen. If we can afford the insurance, I think it's a good idea. Especially since we remember what happened to your MP3 player.

Teenager: Why are you bringing that up? Haven't I already had a bad enough day?

Father: Having your MP3 player fall out of your pocket and then get run over by a car is just another example of why we need to protect your things.

Teenager: You're making fun of me!

Father: No, I'm not. I'm just saying why it's important to have protection. Remember how Grandma got into that car accident? Everything would have been much worse if she hadn't had car insurance and health insurance.

Teenager: But I need a cell phone.

Father: Yes, I know. Let's figure out a way that you can start earning and saving money to replace this cell phone. And then let's get some insurance so that if this happens again, it won't be so painful.