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Theme : "the reduction of the risks of disaster begins at school"

10 Advices from the Minister of State, Minister of Territorial Administration and Decentralization to all pupils, for protection against risks and disasters.

- Secret n° 1 : Prevention is better than cure. Never play near a known danger.
- Secret n° 2 : know the risks and dangers around your school and keep away from them (electricity cables, ditches, marshes etc.)
- Secret n° 3 : know the advised assembly area in case of a serious risk within the school, and rush there as soon as a signal is given by the school authorities.
- Secret n° 4 : know the different kinds of risks in Cameroon and the various measures of precaution.
- Secret n° 5 : On your way to and from school, do not walk in the middle of the road ; use the sidewalk and avoid ditches. Do not cross the road without precaution. Look left and then right, to make sure that the road is clear and safe to cross.
- Secret n° 6 : In case of lightning or a storm, do not seek shelter under a tree or an electric pole. Stay inside the house or in the classroom.
- Secret n° 7 : In case of a disaster or a serious accident in your school, do not panic. Stay where you are and follow the instructions of the school authorities.
- Secret n° 8 : Do not play with dangerous toys such as a knife, needle, razor blade, matchet etc...)
- Secret n° 9 : To avoid food poisoning and cholera, do not drink impure water or eat food of doubtful quality.
- Secret n° 10 : In case of an emergency (fire, accident, serious illness) call the following emergency numbers immediately :
- Fire Brigade.....18 (fixed phone)
118 (mobile)
 - SAMU (Emergency Medical - Assistance Service.....19 (fixed phone)
119 (mobile)
 - Gendarmerie.....13 (fixed phone)
113 (mobile)
 - Police.....17 (fixed phone)
117 (mobile)
 - Cameroon Red Cross..... 22 22 41 77 (fixed phone)
 - DPC (Dept. of Civil Protection)..... 22 21 13 10 (green N°)
22 21 46 06 (fixed phone)
99 39 90 04 (Mobile)

N.B : Always make sure the danger is real, in order to avoid a needless phone call (which is not advisable).