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Second Class Requirement 5d

How to Rescue a Drowning Person by Swimming - BAD IDEA!

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1. The Scout Handbook is clear about this: "Go by swimming **only if there is no other way** to save a person." Name three better ways to save someone who is drowning (1-word answers are okay).

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

2. The Scout Handbook also says, in effect, "Don't even think about trying a swimming rescue, unless..." What are the two qualifications you must have?

1. **NEVER** attempt a swimming rescue unless

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Assume that you are qualified (above) and that you are ready to swim out to save a drowning person. Now what?

3. If you are wearing street clothes, the Scout Handbook says, "Quickly strip down to your underwear." What's that all about?

4. You may find it tricky to untie your shoelaces without looking down at them, but that's exactly what the Scout Handbook says to do. Instead of looking down, where are you supposed to look instead?

5. It's a lot easier to swim if there's nothing in your hands, but the Scout Handbook says to grab something and take it with you while swimming. What are you supposed to grab?

6. The front crawl stroke is the fastest way to reach the drowning person, but the Scout Handbook advises swimming with a different and slower stroke. Which stroke to use and why?

7. Assuming the drowning person is conscious, the Scout Handbook advises not getting too close. In fact, how close or how far from the person should you stay?

8. Once you have gotten kind-of close to the conscious drowning person, now what?

9. The Scout Handbook then tells you to "Wait until..." Until what?
