

KATE

Kate is aged 17 years, she loves going to the shopping centre every Saturday with her mum as she is allowed to spend time by herself in the music shop. Kate loves listening to 'Boyzone', her favourite group.

The arrangement is that while Kate is in the music store, her mother does the grocery shopping and then they go to the coffee shop for lunch.

Kate has a watch and knows that her mum always comes to meet her at 100pm outside the music shop.

One Saturday, Kate waits as usual but her mum does not turn up. At first Kate thinks that her mum has just got delayed, but by half-past one she starts to get worried.

DISCUSSION

Has this sort of thing ever happened to you?

What did you do?

What else might you have done?

What could Kate do?

Who could she ask for help?

Kate goes to the information centre. The lady there makes an announcement for Kate's mum to come to the centre, and within a few minutes she turns up.

Kate's mum explains that the supermarket was very busy and that as she was leaving in a rush the wheel of the trolley caught in the doorway and the trolley overturned. The groceries spilled out all over the floor and the broken eggs and milk cartons made a mess. Staff in the supermarket helped her to pick up her groceries and to replace the broken items.

SOME INITIAL POINTS FOR DISCUSSION - OTHERS WILL EMERGE

Recap on rules for general safety, how to get help, from whom etc.

See also "Stay Safe" for extra stories related to this and other themes of personal safety/getting help in an emergency/'what if?' situations.