



MAGIC CARPET CHALLENGE

Purpose & Focus

This activity focuses on team work, strategy, adapting plans, and communication.

Participants

Teams of three or more participants per team.

Time Allotment

5 – 15 Minutes

Activity Level

Moderate

Materials

- Rugs, towels, or large pieces of cardboard (one per team)

Method

- Give each team their magic carpet and have them stand on it. Tell participants that they are on a magic flying carpet high in the sky but there's a problem — the carpet is upside down. They need to turn the carpet over without anyone falling off.
- They need to come up with a strategy for how to turn the carpet over without anyone touching the floor.
- Teams can work individually or they can collaborate to help each other.

Coaching Tip

- Encourage participants to rethink their strategy if it doesn't appear to be working.

Variations

- The activity can be set up as a race to see which team flips their carpet first.

Discussion Questions

- Which strategies worked?
- Which strategies didn't work?
- How did you have to coordinate your movements as a team to successfully turn the carpet over?
- How did your team evaluate decisions and adapt plans?