

# Mousetrap Minefield

## Overview

*Looking for an activity that works on trust? Mousetrap minefield challenges participants to trust each other to effectively communicate their blindfolded partner through a maze of live mouse traps.*

## Materials

- *Small mouse traps*
- *Blindfolds*

## Time

*20-45 minutes*

## Audience

*Gr 7-12*

## Procedure

*Most students will have never set a mouse trap before so this is the obvious starting point. This can be an exciting activity in itself. Proper instruction will be necessary and some students will be hesitant to try.*

*Once all of the traps are live lay them out in a long narrow space. IMAGE The object of the challenge is for students to coach their blindfolded partner from one end to the other through the maze of mousetraps while setting off as few of the mousetraps as possible.*

*Some students will be terrified of stepping on a mousetrap and may not want to participate. It's a good idea to assure them that stepping on a small mouse trap with closed-toed shoes is a harmless ordeal. You may consider demonstrating this for them.*

## Risk Management

- *Be sure to properly instruct them how to set the trap. There is a safe way and a way that ends in sore fingers.*
- *The perceived risk in this activity is much greater than the actual risk. This is what makes it so attractive to risk taking youth.*