

The Coastguard Organization is a government agency. Its goal is to prevent the loss of lives in accidents, and safety is a priority. Imagine you work for the organization and Paul Waugh has been one of your volunteers for 13 years. When he rescues Faye Harrison, you receive lots of calls from television stations and newspapers. They want to know what you think about Paul and the rescue.

»» What would you say to the press and why? Discuss and agree. Then go to 3.

The Coastguard Organization thanked Paul for his years of service but said it wasn't looking for dead heroes. It received a lot of negative publicity\* and many people were angry. This is the end of the story. Do you think people were right to be angry? What went wrong here?

*negative publicity*: bad attention from newspapers and television



Paul Waugh, a 44-year-old coastguard in northwest England, actually faced this problem. He decided to climb down the cliff to rescue the girl. He managed to hold onto 13-year-old Faye Harrison for 30 minutes until a helicopter arrived and carried her to safety. They both survived.

»» Now go to 5 and read about the Coastguard Organization that Paul worked for.

The Coastguard Organization reprimanded\* Paul because he broke the rules. They said climbing down the cliff without equipment was the wrong thing to do. Paul disagreed.

»» If you were in Paul's situation, what would you do and why? Discuss and agree. Then go to 4.

*reprimand*: tell someone officially that they did something very wrong

### Listening: Reactions

- 2** ») 2.30 Listen to six people's reactions when Paul resigned. How many of them thought Paul was wrong?
- 3** ») Listen again and complete these sentences.
- If risking your life is wrong, then why do we have coastguards? Rules are important but in a life and death situation you have to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ out of the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - If a member of the public climbed down a cliff and rescued someone, \_\_\_\_\_ . Why was Paul Waugh reprimanded? It's not \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Perhaps we don't know \_\_\_\_\_ . It \_\_\_\_\_ . Why did they reprimand Paul when he brought so much positive publicity to the coastguards?
  - I think the Coastguard Organization was right. Paul was lucky to survive. If other coastguards \_\_\_\_\_ , more people \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - I think Paul Waugh just wanted \_\_\_\_\_ . Why did he go on a radio show? Why \_\_\_\_\_ ?
  - Paul's managers are crazy. \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_ their child was hanging from a cliff? Go and get their rulebooks?

### Speaking: Who do you agree with?

**4** How far do you agree with the six opinions in exercise 3? Mark your position on these lines.

<b>Opinion 1</b>	Agree	Not sure	Disagree
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<b>Opinion 2</b>	Agree	Not sure	Disagree
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<b>Opinion 3</b>	Agree	Not sure	Disagree
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<b>Opinion 4</b>	Agree	Not sure	Disagree
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<b>Opinion 5</b>	Agree	Not sure	Disagree
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<b>Opinion 6</b>	Agree	Not sure	Disagree
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- 5** Find out what other students in the class think and why. Compare and explain your views.
- 6** Discuss these questions.
- Could there be a situation when it's important to break the rules in your organization? When and why?
  - What things do you need to do to be a 'hero' in your job?