

Be cool about fire safety

Sometimes you need to keep a cool head in a hot situation. Do you know what to do if there is a fire in your home?

The Kid learned some valuable lessons from the fire prevention experts.

Fire prevention

- Keep things that can burn away from lamps, heaters, fireplaces and candles.
- Don't play around electrical cords. Never stick anything into an electrical outlet.
- Don't plug too many things into an electrical outlet.
- Don't cook without an adult around. Keep an eye on things that are cooking.
- Don't play with matches, lighters or candles. Blow out candles when you leave a room.

Plan an escape route

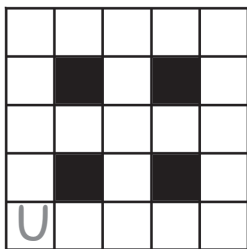
- Go through your house with your family. Find two ways out of every room. One way can be the door. Another way is probably a window. Make sure you know how to open the window in your room.
- Plan your escape route. Practice it with your family.
- Pick a safe place to meet after you get out. It could be a rural mail box, the end of your driveway or a favorite tree in your yard.

Escaping from fire

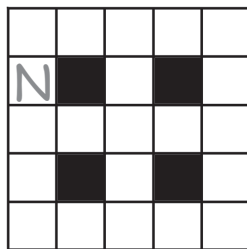
- Get out fast. Don't take time to get dressed or gather up your favorite things.
- Feel the bottom of each door before you open it. If the door is hot, try to get out another way.
- Stay low. Smoke rises, so the best air is along the floor.

Cross Five

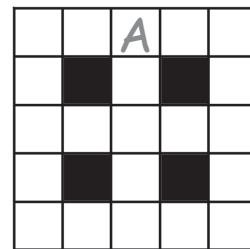
Use logic to place the six given words in the grid to complete the crossword.



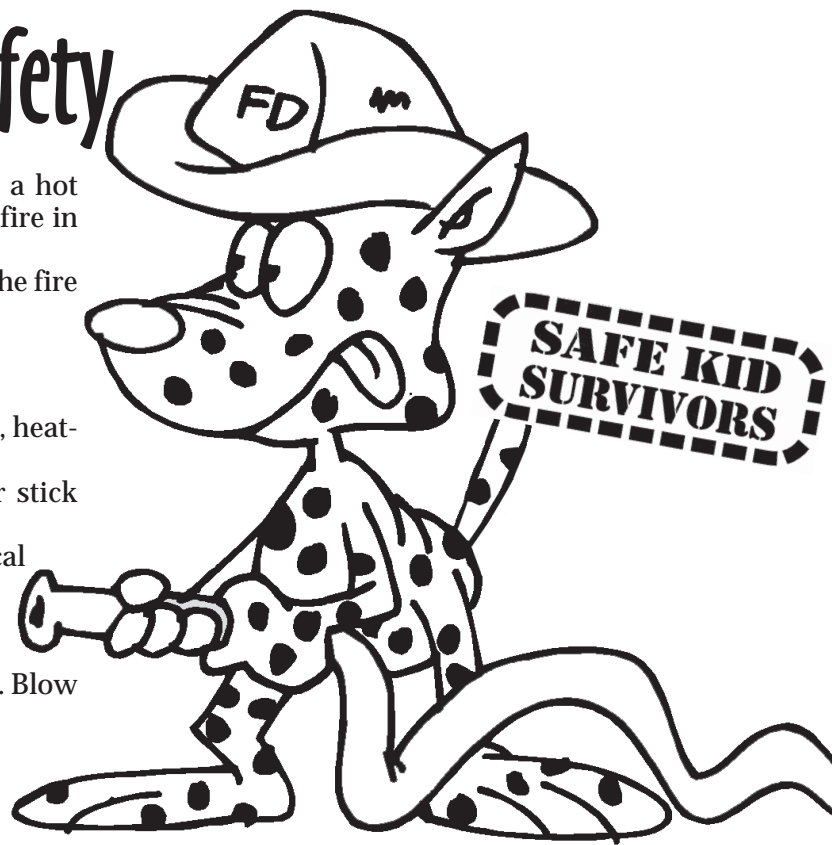
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- Once you get out, stay out. Don't go back in.
- Meet at your safe place.
- Use a cell phone or go to a neighbor's house to call 911 after you are out safely.

Smoke alarms

A smoke alarm makes a loud beeping sound. When you hear the beeping sound, follow your escape plan and get out of the house.

- With your parents, check your house for smoke alarms. Is there a smoke alarm near every bedroom?
- Remind your parents to change the battery in your smoke alarm. Many people change the batteries when Daylight Saving Time ends in the fall.



Newspaper in Education activity

Look through your newspaper to see if there is story about a fire. If so, look for the cause of the fire in the story. Discuss with your parents what could have been done to prevent that fire. If there is not a story about a fire, look for words in the paper that could be used in a fire prevention story.