



Fires and burns are the third leading cause of unintentional death among children ages 1-14 years. Each year, approximately 488 children die and 116,600 are injured from a fire/burn incident.

- Keep matches, candles, gasoline, lighters and all other flammable materials locked away and out of children's reach.
 - Never leave a burning candle unattended. Place candles in safe locations, away from combustible materials and where children or pets cannot tip them over.
 - Never leave the kitchen while you are cooking. If you must leave the room, take the child with you.
- Set your water heater thermostat to 120 degrees Fahrenheit or below. Consider installing water faucets and shower heads containing anti-scald technology.
 - Use back burners and turn pot handles to the back of the stove when cooking.
 - Keep hot foods and liquids away from table and counter edges. Never carry or hold children and hot foods or liquids at the same time.

- ✓ Install smoke alarms in your home on every level and in every sleeping area. Test them once a month. Replace the batteries at least two times a year, such as when daylight savings time starts and ends. Replace all alarms every 10 years.
- ✓ Develop and practice an escape plan for every room of the house and set a meeting place for your family outside the home in case of a fire.
- ✓ Avoid plugging several appliance cords into the same electrical socket. Replace old or frayed electrical wires and appliance cords, and keep all cords on top of rugs. Cover unused electrical outlets with safety devices.
- ✓ Place space heaters at least 3 feet from curtains, papers, furniture and other flammable materials. Make sure heaters are stable, and use protective coverings.
- ✓ Never smoke in bed. Extinguish all cigarettes before leaving home or going to bed.

Safe Kids Springfield is helping to reduce fire-related injuries to children in the Ozarks by providing funding for smoke alarm distribution programs, offering educational programs in the elementary schools and by participating in National Fire Prevention Week and other fire safety programs.

For more fire and burn prevention safety tips, contact Safe Kids Springfield at (417) 820-6671.

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Fire Safety





Try to find two ways out of every room in your home. The first way out should be a door. Every way needs to be planned and practiced with grown-ups.

Remind your parents to test your smoke alarms every month and change the batteries at least twice a year.

Touch doors before opening them. If the door is hot, use a different exit.

Stop by your local fire station for a tour. Children will be able to see a firefighter in full gear and learn that he or she is someone who saves children – not someone to be afraid of or hide from.

Pick a safe and easy-to-remember place outside the home to meet your family after you get out.

Never go back into a burning building. Do not stop or return for anything, such as a toy or to call 9-1-1. A call to 9-1-1 should be placed after leaving the premises.

“Stop, drop and roll.” Upon leaving the burning house or building, children whose clothes have caught on fire should immediately stop, drop to the ground and roll themselves back and forth quickly to extinguish the flames.

Stay low to the floor when escaping a fire and crawl under smoke.

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