

Be a Fire Safety Superhero!

Fire is a tool that adults use for cooking and keeping warm, but it can be very dangerous. The good news is that you can be a Fire Safety Superhero by knowing what to do! Learning a few important rules can help keep you and your family safe.

Most fires can be stopped before they even start. Never play with matches, lighters, or candles. These are tools for adults, not toys for kids. Also, keep things like stuffed animals, blankets, and papers away from space heaters, radiators, and the kitchen stove. Giving fire space is a super-smart thing to do!

Have you ever heard a smoke alarm make a loud BEEP! BEEP! BEEP!? That sound is your friend! It is an early warning that there might be a fire. When you hear it, it is your signal to spring into action. Don't stop to grab a toy or a pet. Just get outside!



If there is smoke, remember this rhyme: "Get down low and go, go, go!" Smoke rises, so the cleanest air to breathe will be near the floor. Crawl like a superhero to your exit.

Before you open a closed door, feel it with the back of your hand. If the door is warm or hot, there could be fire on the other side. Use your second way out, like a window.

What if a tiny bit of fire got on your clothes? You would not run. Running would make the fire bigger. Instead, you would do the safety dance:

STOP right where you are.

DROP to the ground. Cover your face with your hands to protect it.

ROLL back and forth over and over until the flames are out.

Every superhero needs a plan. Sit down with your family and decide on a safe meeting spot outside, like a big tree or your mailbox. Practice your escape plan twice a year so everyone remembers what to do. The most important rule is: Once you are out, stay out! Never go back inside for any reason.

By knowing these rules, you are not just a kid—you are a Fire Safety Superhero, ready and smart!

- 1. Imagine you are teaching a first-grade student about fire safety. Based on the passage, which two rules would be the MOST important to share with them?
- a) The sound a smoke alarm makes and the location of your meeting spot.
- b) How to use a fire extinguisher and the chemistry of fire.
- c) Giving space to heaters and feeling doors with the back of your hand.
- d) The history of the fire department and the Stop, Drop, and Roll steps.