

**Hey Kids,  
here are some  
fire safety tips  
you should  
know!**



# What is a firefighter?



- Firefighters are trained to put out fires and save you from being burned.
- Firefighters are friends who will help you in a fire. They look funny when dressed in “turnout suits,” helmets, boots, airtank, air-pack with facepiece, and gloves. They may carry axes or hoses.
- Always listen to firefighters. Follow ALL of their directions.

# Fire Safety Tips:

## Watch out for things that could burn:

★ If you find matches, lighters, or gasoline cans, tell an adult.



★ Before getting in the bathtub, test the water with your elbow.

★ Stay away from anyone carrying hot things.

★ Be careful around irons.

★ Watch handles of pots and pans on stoves.

★ Don't play with electrical cords or wires.

★ Keep anything with a plug away from water.

★ Keep all paper away from hot things.



## Practice fire drills:

Know how to get out of your house from the upstairs or downstairs the fastest way possible. Plan where to meet your family outside the house.



## If you see a fire:

If you are outside and see a fire, tell someone right away. Or, call the fire company... **DIAL 911** on the telephone and tell them where the fire is.

If there are no adults or a phone around, go to the nearest fire alarm box, pull the handle, and wait until the fire trucks come.



## In Case Of Fire:



## If you think there is a fire in your house:

If you are in your house and see or smell smoke or hear a fire detector go off, yell **FIRE** as loud as you can, and leave the house quickly. **DO NOT HIDE.** Find someone outside to help you.



## Getting out of your house:

If you are in a room and you think there is a fire outside the door, feel the door. If it is hot, do not open it. If it is cool, open the door and leave the house. If the door is hot, get out through a window. If you cannot open the window, break it by using a chair or a drawer from your dresser. Throw a blanket or rug over the windowsill to protect yourself from broken glass when you crawl through.

## If there is smoke in the room:

In a smoky room, crawl to safety. Stay low, cover your mouth and take many short breaths.



## If your clothes catch fire:

If your clothes catch fire, **STOP, DROP** to the floor and **ROLL.**

Continue rolling until the fire goes out.



# A Message To Parents:

Fire is dangerous. Every 45 seconds in the United States someone's home catches fire. Over 5,000 lives are lost each year to fires and over 20,000 persons suffer injuries due to fires.

Children are particularly vulnerable to fire, mainly because very few youngsters in our state receive any formal instruction about fires and what to do if one occurs.



As a member of the Pennsylvania General Assembly, I feel that educating children on fire safety and protection is extremely important.

Fire prevention and lifesaving, however, cannot be the sole responsibility of firefighters or schools. Parents must take the initiative to discuss fire safety with children and make sure they are properly informed about what to do if a fire takes place in their home.

The tips contained in this brochure were compiled from numerous fire safety and prevention publications.

Your job as parents is to read over this brochure with your children and make sure they understand it. Practice fire drills and buy smoke detectors and fire extinguishers for your home. Clean up any fire hazards. Through your examples and instructions, children can learn how to save their lives and those of other family members and friends.