

# Family Fire Safety



Families have special fire safety needs.

Parents and caregivers need information on how to keep their children safe, and how to help them respond to a fire emergency.

Children need to know, at a level they can understand, what to do if a fire happens or the smoke alarm goes off.

The Seattle Fire Department has developed a collection of activities and family worksheets for parents and caregivers. These materials provide tools to help teach children what to do if a fire should happen in their home. Every parent wants their family to be safe. Our hope is these activities will help them do that.

Additional fire safety information, as well as Information on programs for preschools and schools, is available on the Seattle Fire Department website at [www.seattle.gov/fire](http://www.seattle.gov/fire)





# Kid's Fire Safety Checklist



Circle or write in the answers.

I know two ways out of my home. **Yes No**

I know two ways out of my school. **Yes No**

I know two ways out of my \_\_\_\_\_.

*(daycare, friend's home, or somewhere else you spend lots of time)* **Yes No**

I know the noise my smoke alarm makes. **Yes No**

I know that when I hear the smoke alarm, I need to go outside to the family meeting place. **Yes No**

I know my address by heart. **Yes No**

I know my phone number by heart. **Yes No**

I keep my room clean. **Yes No**

I keep my clothes and toys away from the heater. **Yes No**

I know where the heaters and hot things are in my home. **Yes No**

I know hot things can burn me or start fires, so I won't touch them. **Yes No**

I know three grown-ups I can tell if I find matches or lighters. **Yes No**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

I know I can call 911 if I need the firefighters or police officers to help me. **Yes No**

**I can do all the things on this list!**

(write your name)



# Fire Safety Scavenger Hunt

Are you Fire Safe just like Firefighter Kyle? Here is a Fire Safety Scavenger Hunt to check and see.

Draw a home fire escape plan and make sure everyone who lives at home sees it. **(10 points)**

Make sure everyone knows where the family meeting place is. **(10 points)**

You have smoke alarms on every level of your home and inside each bedroom. **(10 points)**

Have a grown up help you test all the smoke alarms in your home. **(10 points)**

Have a home fire drill. **(10 points)**

Make sure toys, furniture, papers and other things that can burn are kept away from heaters and the fireplace. **(10 points)**

Clean your room. **(10 points)**

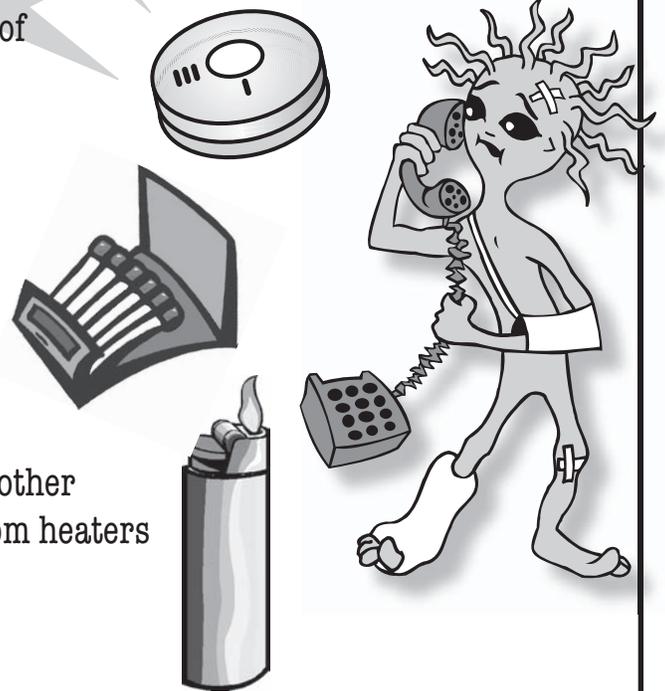
Make sure small appliances like the toaster are unplugged when not in use. **(10 points)**

How many points did you get? \_\_\_\_\_

If you got all **80** you are Super Fire Safe! Good for you!

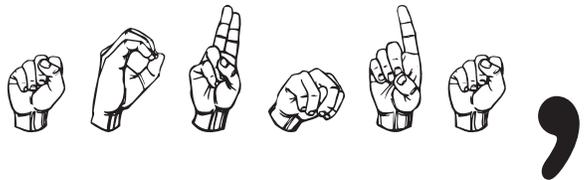
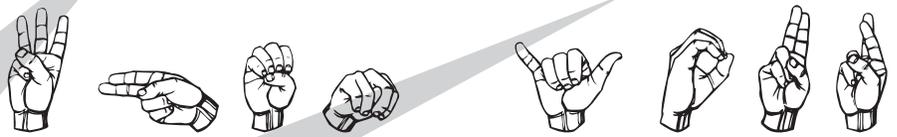
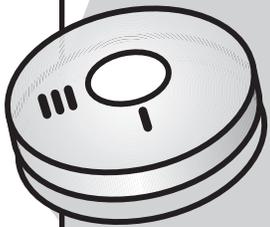
If you got **60-70** points you are making a good effort to be Fire Safe! Keep up the good work!

If you got **50** points or less you are still learning about being Fire Safe. Keep working on it and soon you will be Super Fire Safe.





# Know When to Go

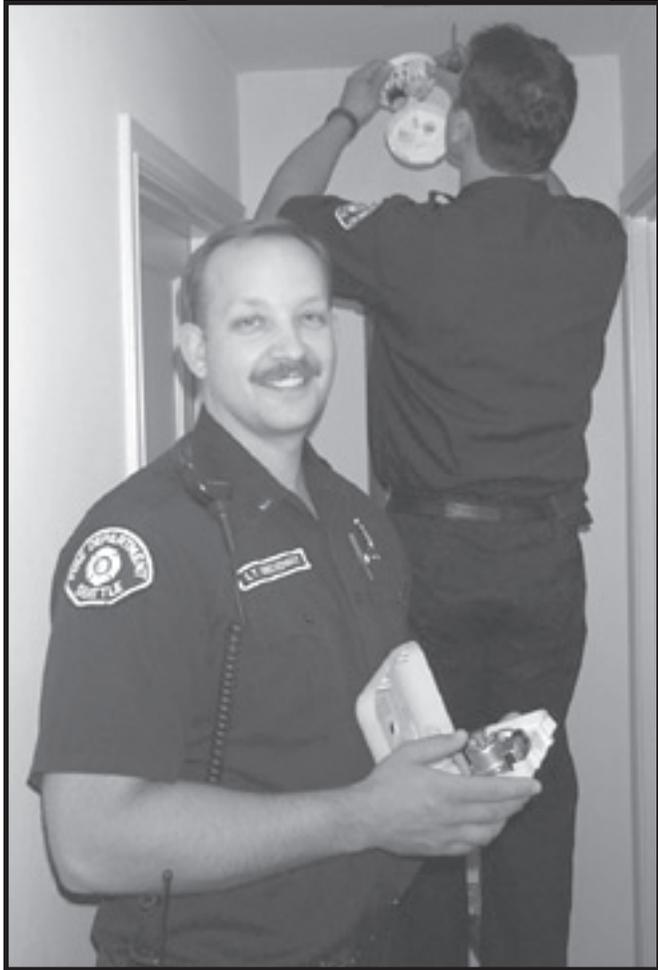


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<b>N</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Q</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>U</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Z</b>

# Feature Firefighter

## Smoke Alarms Make a Difference - So Can You



Meet our Feature Firefighter Jay Schreckengost. Firefighter Jay works at the Magnolia Fire Station.

Firefighter Jay knows smoke alarms save lives. He knows they can wake people up and warn them to get outside quickly when there is a fire. Getting out quick is important when there is a fire. Fire grows very fast. It also makes poison smoke. The faster people can get out, the better.

The firefighters go to many homes each day. They go when someone calls 911. "I thought when we were done with the emergency we could test the smoke alarm" said Firefighter Jay. This was a good idea.

But what if there was not a smoke alarm? What if the smoke alarm did not work? Firefighter Jay had an idea. It was a great idea. His idea was to

carry extra smoke alarms on every fire engine. If a home needed a smoke alarm, Firefighter Jay could get one from the fire engine. Then the firefighters could always leave a house knowing that a smoke alarm was there to warn the family in case of a fire.

Firefighter Jay put together a plan. He knew he would need help from people to make his idea work. He never let go of his idea. Finally, his hard work paid off. Now, firefighters have smoke alarms with them on the fire engine. They can put them in people's homes when they need a smoke alarm.

Firefighter Jay says, "If you have a good idea, stick with it." You never know when your good idea might save someone's life. Firefighter Jay's smoke alarms help save lives. Be sure to ask your parents to test your smoke alarm at home.

**If your family needs a smoke alarm, call the Seattle Fire Department at 206-386-1337**

# Make, and practice, a Fire Escape Plan for your family

The Secret Decoder grid has two columns of letters. The first column is all the letters of the alphabet. The second column is the secret key. Use the Secret Decoder to unscramble the words and help you plan your escape. Then use the decoded story to label each photo.

A	H
B	U
C	R
D	P
E	T
F	I
G	V
H	O
I	C
J	D
K	M
L	Z
M	A
N	S
O	K
P	G
Q	W
R	E
S	J
T	N
U	L
V	F
W	Y
X	X
Y	B
Z	Q

Does your home have an \_\_\_\_\_ in case of a fire? It is important to be prepared so you can act \_\_\_\_\_ if there is ever a fire at your home. Here are some important things to know about making your escape plan.

Be sure that you plan \_\_\_\_\_ of your home and your room. A door should be your first \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_ or other door could be your second.

\_\_\_\_\_ should be tested every month. How many smoke alarms does your home have? There should be one near the \_\_\_\_\_ area and another near the \_\_\_\_\_ area. There might be more. That is a good thing.

If your smoke alarm sounds at night, get down and \_\_\_\_\_. Be sure not to stand up and breathe \_\_\_\_\_. Use your escape plan and go to your family \_\_\_\_\_. Everyone should know where to go. A mailbox or a tree is a good meeting place. Count and make sure everyone is out safely.

Go to a \_\_\_\_\_ house and call 9-1-1. You will need to know your \_\_\_\_\_ so the firefighters can find your house.



1. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_



2. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_



3. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_



4. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

# Fire Safety Survey

Let's take a survey! Find some friends. Tell your friends you want them to answer questions about fire safety. Ask them to answer the following questions. Keep track of how many "yes" answers you receive.

Survey Questions	Number of "Yes" answers
1. My family has a home escape plan in case of a fire	
2. My family has practiced our home escape plan in the last year	
3. My home has at least one working smoke alarm	
4. The fire department has responded to a fire at my house in the last year	

Color in the boxes for the number of "yes" answers you got for each question.

"yes" answers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Question 1															
Question 2															
Question 3															
Question 4															

## Results

Which question got the most "yes" answers? \_\_\_\_\_ Which one got the fewest? \_\_\_\_\_

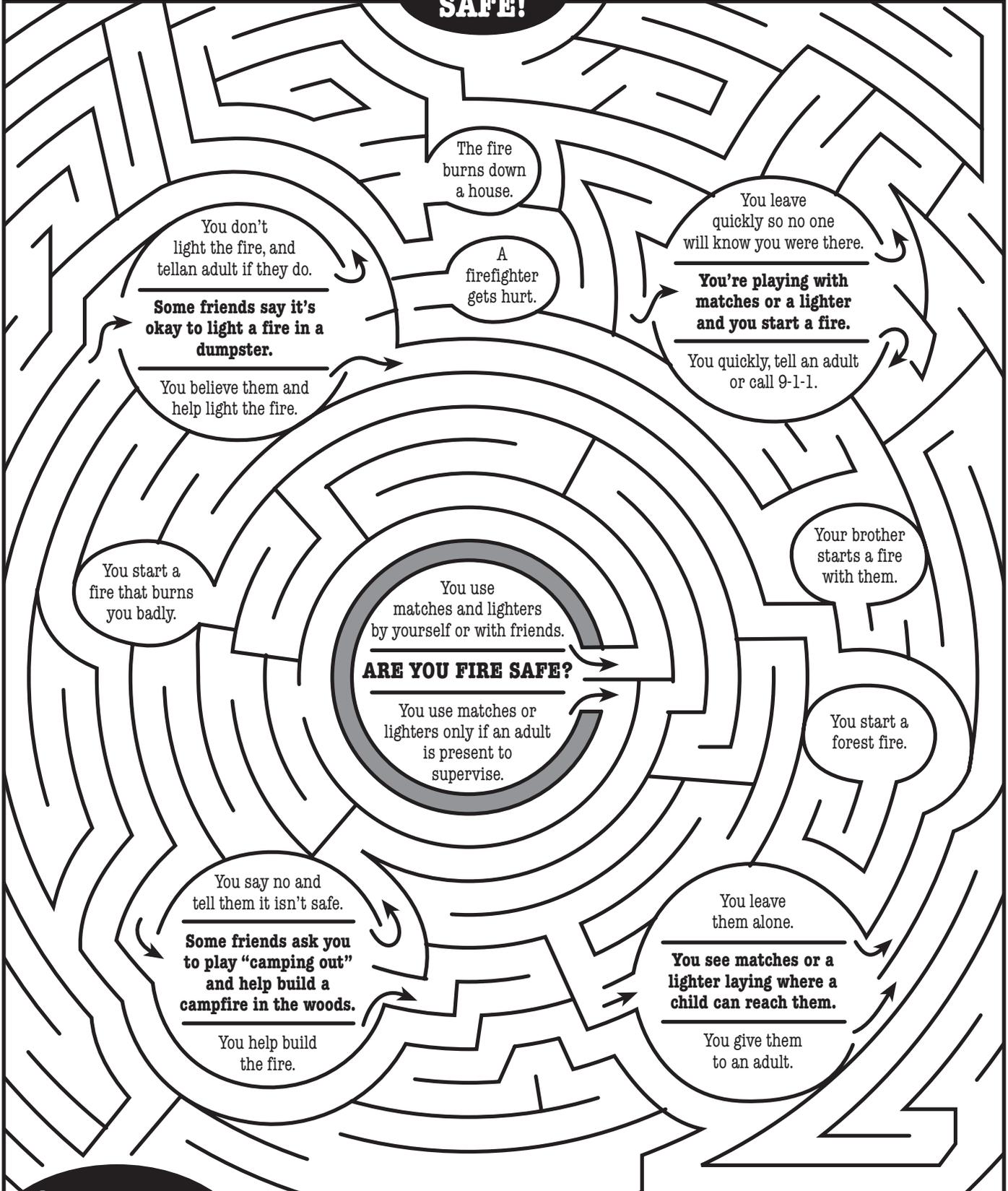
What does this tell you? \_\_\_\_\_

What answer to your survey, if any, surprised you? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you think your friends need to be more fire safe? \_\_\_\_\_

How? \_\_\_\_\_

**YOU'RE SAFE!**



You start a fire that burns you badly.

You don't light the fire, and tell an adult if they do.  
**Some friends say it's okay to light a fire in a dumpster.**  
You believe them and help light the fire.

The fire burns down a house.

A firefighter gets hurt.

You leave quickly so no one will know you were there.  
**You're playing with matches or a lighter and you start a fire.**  
You quickly tell an adult or call 9-1-1.

You use matches and lighters by yourself or with friends.  
**ARE YOU FIRE SAFE?**  
You use matches or lighters only if an adult is present to supervise.

Your brother starts a fire with them.

You start a forest fire.

You say no and tell them it isn't safe.  
**Some friends ask you to play "camping out" and help build a campfire in the woods.**  
You help build the fire.

You leave them alone.  
**You see matches or a lighter laying where a child can reach them.**  
You give them to an adult.

Are You **Fire SAFE?**

Test to see by following this maze from the center of the page to the safe place at the top of the page. Each time you reach a new circle on the path, you must make the correct choice or you won't be safe.

# Feature Firefighter

## Meet Firefighter John Ellis



Firefighters do many different jobs. They put out fires and help people who are sick or hurt. They teach fire safety and inspect buildings to make sure they are safe. Firefighters also answer 911 phone calls in Seattle. This is an important job. These firefighters are called **dispatchers**.

Meet Firefighter John. He is a dispatcher for the Seattle Fire Department. He has been a dispatcher for nine years. His job is to answer phone calls to 911. His job is to send help to you or whoever needs it. It takes a lot of work and concentration to do his job. Firefighter John has to keep track of many things. He

has to keep track of where the firefighters from different fire stations are working in the city. This way he can send the closest firefighters to any emergency call. He has four computer screens and two keyboards to help him keep track of everything.

Firefighter John works as a part of a team. There is a team of four dispatchers every day. They answer the phone for an emergency 300 times every day! That is a lot of phone calls! They work together to make sure people get the help they need.

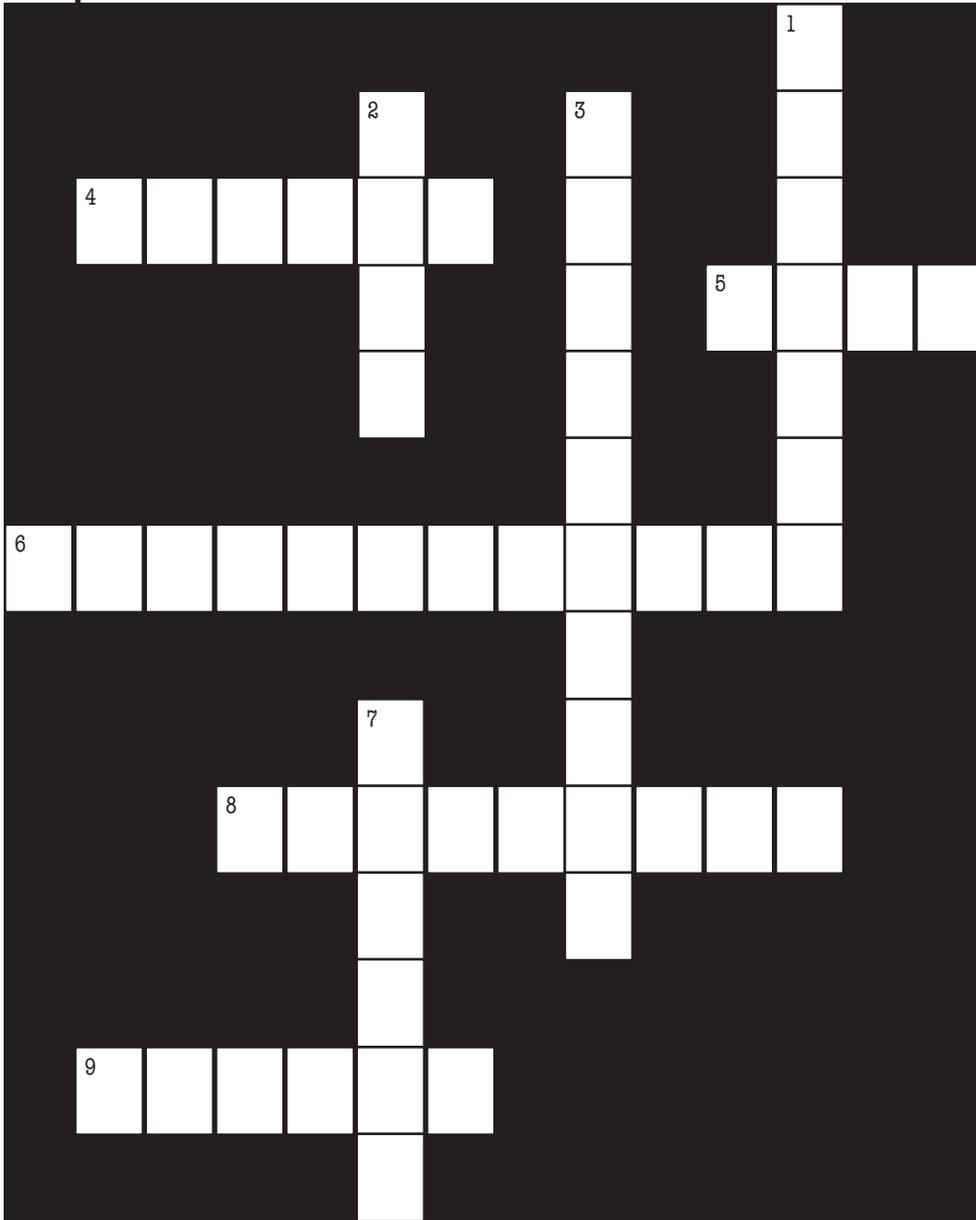
Firefighter John says, "Listening is an important part of my job." He can listen to many different things at once. To do his job well, he has to pay attention all the time. While the dispatchers are listening to the person calling 911, they are also listening to the firefighters on the radio and to each other.

Listening is an important job for you if you ever need to call 911. The dispatcher will ask you questions. You will need to listen to them and answer carefully. Firefighter John says, "Kids who have to call 911 do a good job. Sometimes they do better than the grown-ups. Kids are good listeners."





# 911 Know How



## Across

- 4.** If you ever have to call 911, you should never \_\_\_\_\_ the phone until you are told to do so.
- 5.** It costs nothing to call 911 from any phone. It is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6.** These people come if there is a fire emergency.
- 8.** 911 should only be called in an \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9.** These people come if there is a crime.

## Down

- 1.** The 911 dispatcher needs to know your \_\_\_\_\_ to get to an emergency at your home.
- 2.** 911 should be called if there is a car crash where people are \_\_\_\_\_. They might need an ambulance.
- 3.** What is Firefighter John Ellis's job with the Seattle Fire Department?
- 7.** These people come if there is a medical emergency.

- Across**
- 4.** hangup
- 5.** free
- 6.** firefighters
- 8.** emergency
- 9.** police
- Down**
- 1.** address
- 2.** hurt
- 3.** dispatcher
- 7.** medics

# 911

# Police, Fire or Medical – What is the Emergency?

## What to Know When You Call

These are the things you need to know if you ever need to call **911**:

### The type of emergency

- Is it a fire?
- Does someone need emergency first aid?
- Is it a crime?

### The address of the emergency

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### Your name and telephone number

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### As much information about the emergency as you can tell the dispatcher

- If there is a fire, what is on fire?  
Do you see smoke or flame?
- If someone is sick, are they awake?  
Are they breathing?



## Story Problem

Use the information in the story about Feature Firefighter John Ellis to answer the following questions.

If the 4 dispatchers at the Fire Alarm Center receive 300 emergency calls each day, how many calls does each dispatcher answer in 24 hours?  
In 1 hour?

The dispatcher might ask you many questions. Answer them the best you can and always follow the dispatcher's instructions. Remember that while they are talking to you, they have already sent help on the way to the emergency.

# Feature Firefighters



**Station 6 Crew: Battalion Chief Bonnie Beers, Captain Darnell Factory, Lieutenant Scott Gray and Fire Fighters Wes Lang, Bill Parker, Mark Place, Andre Shaffer and Pretzel White.**

Smoke from real fire has poisonous gases that can kill. Fire uses up the oxygen you need to breathe. "The thick smoke and gases are the most dangerous part of a fire" says Firefighter Pretzel White. "If there is smoke in the room, you must get down under it and crawl low where the air is cleaner and cooler."

Real fire is dark, hot, fast and full of poisonous gas. It is important to have a home escape plan. A home escape plan has two ways out of your rooms. It also has an outside meeting place for your family. Lieutenant Scott Gray suggests practicing home fire drills on the same days you have school fire drills. This is a good time to have a grown-up test your smoke alarm to make sure it works.

## Meet some real heroes

Real fire is different than the fire we see on TV or in the movies. Just ask the crew from Seattle Fire Station Number 6.

Real fire is dark. "In a real fire there is a whole lot of smoke, and it is black, not white" says Firefighter Wes Lang. Blindfold yourself and try to find your way out of your home. That is how hard it is to see in a real fire. That is why you need an escape plan that you practice, and a smoke alarm to warn you quickly.

Real fire is very hot. Real fires can reach more than 1000 degrees in just five minutes. That is five times as hot as water when it boils. A fire's smoke is even more dangerous than the flames.



**Getting ready to  
respond to the fire.**



# What is Real Fire?

## Words to watch for

Real fire can be very different from what we see on TV or in the movies. In the word search below, find the words that are important to know about real fire. Then read the Feature Firefighter story on the next page and see if you can find the words in the story.

Crawl Low

Dark

Escape Plan

Fast

Hot

Meeting Place

Poisonous Gases

Practice

Real Fire

Smoke Alarm

Thick Smoke

Two Ways Out

I	L	Y	Q	V	J	T	L	L	F	Z	B	L	S	Q
U	N	P	M	A	L	W	O	Y	Y	E	E	E	A	B
Y	A	A	R	F	G	O	J	E	F	C	S	R	S	F
C	E	H	A	C	F	W	C	R	T	A	C	I	U	N
H	O	N	L	R	K	A	N	Q	G	L	A	F	H	V
D	U	X	A	A	F	Y	S	S	Z	P	P	L	R	C
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X	O	C	A	E	N	X	N	G	Y	M	U	E	F	K
P	T	E	Y	J	B	L	Z	T	R	N	J	P	W	F

# Real Fire or Not?

## Can you tell the difference?

As you watch TV or movies, keep track of the times you see fire on TV. Would the Firefighters at Station 6 think it is real fire or fake fire? Write down your examples and tell whether your example shows real fire or fake fire. Remember - real fire is hot, fast, dark and has thick black smoke.



## TV / Movie Log Form

TV Show or Movie	Where was the fire?	What did the fire look like?	Do you think the fire was real or fake?