



SEATTLE FIRE DEPARTMENT PREVENTION DIVISION

SMART KIDS! SAFE KIDS! FIRE SAFETY FUN

FALL 2005



PRESCHOOL PROGRAM COORDINATOR
JAMIE FRY

SEATTLE FIRE DEPARTMENT
220 3rd Avenue S.
Seattle, WA 98104

VOICE

206.386.1338

FAX

206.386.1348

EMAIL

jamie.fry@seattle.gov

INTERNET

www.seattle.gov/fire/

OCTOBER IS FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

A special Fire Prevention Week message from State Farm®.

Fire Prevention Week is October 9-15. It is a great time to review some basic fire safety facts with your students, to check out some terrific fire safety websites, and to engage preschoolers in fire safety activities that get them learning about the dangers of fire. It is also a good time to remind parents about important home fire safety issues so your students can be safe both at school and at home.

Each year, more than 4,500 Americans die and more than 30,000 are injured in fires. Sadly, statistics show that young children are twice as likely to die in a fire than the rest of the population. Many of those deaths and

Continued bottom of page 3

SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

Count your smoke alarms

State Farm® and the Seattle Fire Department recommend you install at least one smoke alarm on every level of your home, including one in every bedroom.

Check your smoke alarms

Press the test button on smoke alarms each month to make certain they are still working.

Vacuum your smoke alarms

Clean smoke alarms each month of dust and cobwebs to keep them sensitive.

Change your batteries

Change smoke alarm batteries at least once a year, or as soon as the alarm "chirps" warning that the battery is low. State Farm® and the Seattle Fire Department suggest changing batteries in the fall when clocks are changed from Daylight Savings Time.

Change your alarm

Replace smoke alarms once every ten years.

Know the sound

Make sure everyone in the home can hear and recognize the sound of the smoke alarm and knows how to react immediately. Assistive devices are available for those who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Look inside this issue for links to fire safety websites, upcoming fire safety events and fun fire safety activities to use in your classroom or daycare. State Farm and 97.3 KBSG are both sponsors of this year's Fire Prevention Month activities.



97.3 KBSG

LESSON PLAN

KNOW WHEN TO CRAWL LOW & GO

MATERIALS

- *Play Safe! Be Safe!* Video
- Book *No Dragons for Tea* by Jean Pendziwol
- PS! BS! Story Cards - Lesson Three
- Small white paper plates (2 per child)
- Coloring crayons or pens
- Glue or tape

OBJECTIVES

- Students will be able to identify a smoke alarm both visually and by the sound it makes
- Students will know that they leave the building and go to a meeting place whenever they hear that noise
- Students will demonstrate what to do when the smoke alarm sounds

PURPOSE

- To recognize a smoke alarm and the sound it makes
- To react appropriately to the sound of a smoke alarm (crawl low and go)

PROCEDURE

Introduction—Show the *Crawl Low Under Smoke* segment of the *Play Safe! Be Safe!* video. Then use the *Play Safe! Be Safe!* story cards for Lesson Three to involve the children in a discussion about the pictures on the story cards.

Communication—Ask the children to make the same noise as their smoke alarm. Then talk about how the smoke alarm smells for smoke. When it smells smoke, it makes a loud noise so we know it's time to crawl low under the smoke and go to a safe meeting place.

Auditory/Reading—Read the book *No Dragons for Tea* by Jean Pendziwol or other preschool-age books that address smoke alarms and crawling low under smoke.

Hands-on/Kinesthetic—As the conclusion to the lesson, make paper plate smoke alarms with the children. During the project, reinforce the safety messages of the lesson: recognize the sound of the alarm and crawl low under the smoke to get to the safe meeting place.

MAKING THE PAPER PLATE SMOKE ALARMS

- Give each child two paper plates. Help them decorate the back of each plate to look like their own special smoke alarm.
- Help the children stick the two halves of their paper plate smoke alarm together. Use glue or tape or some other appropriate adhesive.
- Send the paper plate smoke alarm home with the children and include fire safety information for their parents. Handouts can be downloaded from our website at: <http://www.seattle.gov/fire/pubEd/brochures/brochures.htm>



FIRE-FIGHTER STORY TIMES

AT SEATTLE PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN OCTOBER

OCTOBER IS FIRE PREVENTION MONTH!

WEDNESDAY OCT 5
Capitol Hill Library @ 10:30

THURSDAY OCT 6
Ballard Library @ 10:30
Central Library @ 10:30

WEDNESDAY OCT 12
New Holly Library @ 11:00

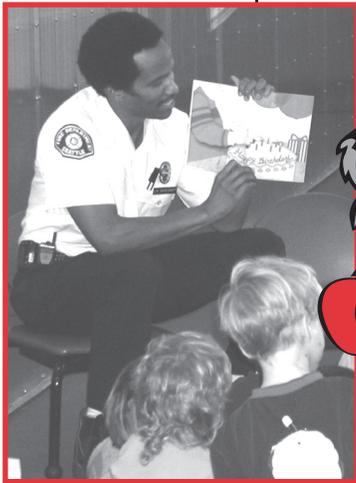
THURSDAY OCT 13
Rainier Beach Library @ 10:30

FRIDAY OCT 14
University Library @ 10:30

THURSDAY OCT 20
Delridge Library @ 11:00
International District Library @ 10:30

FRIDAY OCT 21
Magnolia Library @ 10:30

WEDNESDAY OCT 26
Lake City Library @ 11:00



FIRE SAFETY WEBSITES

<http://www.smokedetectives.com>

Learn a lot about fire safety and fire prevention while having fun too! The site, sponsored by State Farm[®] has interactive games to help children learn how to escape from a fire or pick out fire hazards. Young children will need an adult's help to play, while older children will enjoy showing how much they know.

<http://www.kbsg.com>

A sponsor of this year's Fire Prevention Month. Check out the KBSG website for a schedule of fire safety events and location of free smoke alarm battery giveaways.

<http://www.seattle.gov/fire>

Loads of fire safety information for families with children, as well as an on-line tour of Seattle's fire stations and fire trucks.



TEACHING TIPS

IDEAS FOR REINFORCING FIRE SAFETY LESSONS



SMOKE ALARMS *Continued from page 1*

injuries could have been prevented. Part of planning for home fire safety is making sure that your home contains working smoke alarms. Roughly 70 percent of home fire deaths result from fires in homes without smoke alarms or without working smoke alarms (batteries missing or dead, wired disconnected, etc.). Smoke alarms are the great safety success story of the 20th century—but only when people make sure they're working properly.

For those families who do not have smoke alarms and who are living on a fixed income, The Seattle Fire Department can provide and install smoke alarms in owner-occupied homes. Interested persons should call the Seattle Fire Department Smoke Alarm Program at (206) 386-1337 to request assistance. In rental homes, landlords are required by law to provide renters with a working smoke alarm at the time they move into the home. Tenants are required to maintain the alarm in working order.

TEACHER RESOURCES

Fire Safety Education for Children aged 3 – 5.

Fire safety education kits are available for free loan from the Seattle Fire Department Education Office by calling 206.386.1338.

Follow-up with a fire station tour or visit from your local firefighters.

A PRESCHOOL PROGRAM BY BIC CORPORATION

IDEAL FOR:

- Preschool Teachers and Daycare Providers
- Firefighters

DESCRIPTION:

Teaches four important lessons in fire safety:

- My Friend the Firefighter
- Stop! Drop! And Roll!
- Crawl! Low Under Smoke!
- Safe for Play! Keep Away!

Each **Play safe! Be safe!** kit contains:

- 20-minute video featuring "Firefighter Dan"
- Color story/flash cards
- Dress the Firefighter activity board
- Safe for Play! Keep Away! activity board
- Keep Away! card game
- Comprehensive teacher's manual and resource book

REFERENCES:

- Endorsement: New York State Professional Firefighters Association
- Award: Director's Choice Award for Best Curriculum, *Early Childhood News*, 1997.

To purchase your own copy for \$12, contact Fireproof Children at 585.264.0840 or access their online order form at www.fireproofchildren.com/documents/psbsenglistorderform.pdf.



Seattle Fire Department
Fire Prevention Division
220 3rd Avenue South
Seattle, WA 98104

FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION FOR PRESCHOOL TEACHERS & DAYCARE PROVIDERS

