

Fire Safety for Children

It's important for kids to learn about fire safety, since one of the leading cause of fires over the past 10 years involved children playing with matches and lighters.

Reduce the chance of a fire in your home by talking to your children about the following fire safety practices:



- **Never touch matches or lighters**
 - Matches and lighters are for adults - not toys for children
 - If you see matches or lighters, either:
 - tell an adult
 - give the matches or lighter to an adult
- **Be careful when cooking**
 - Don't play near the stove when an adult is cooking
 - Never pull on the cord to unplug an appliance; grasp the plug-in instead
 - Don't use the stove unless an adult is around; instead use the microwave or make sandwiches and other food items that don't require cooking
 - Do not place tinfoil or put utensils like metal knives or forks into the microwave
- **Don't smoke**
 - Many fires are started by smoking
 - Tell an adult if you see smoke from an ashtray when no one is around
- **Plan a fire safety drill in your home**
 - Push the button on a smoke alarm so the children learn what it sounds like.
- **Along with your family, design a fire escape plan**
 - Practice your escape plan at least twice a year.