

# A Guide to Fire Safety in the City

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## Fire Safety Tips for Families

**Keep matches and lighters out of reach of children**, in a locked cabinet. Teach children that matches and lighters are not toys. They are tools for grown-ups and can hurt them.

**Have a 3-foot “kid-free” zone** around things that can be hot, like a stove, fireplace, or grill.

**Make a home fire escape plan** with the whole family. Practice your escape drill at least twice a year.

**Smoke alarms save lives.** Have working smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside all bedrooms, and outside sleeping areas.

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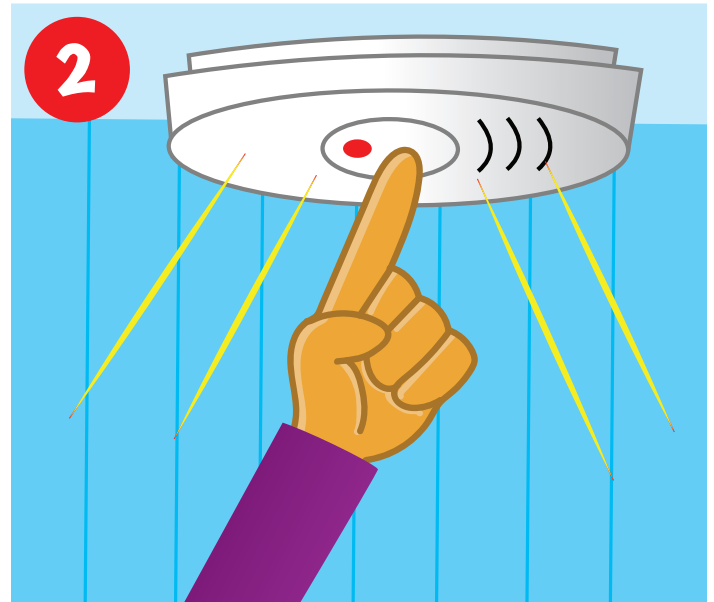
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**1** **Make a plan.** Learn your building's emergency escape plan. Then, make a family home fire escape plan.



**2** **Test smoke alarms.** Make sure you have working smoke alarms. Push the test button on your alarm to start your home fire drill.



**3** **Practice your fire drill.** Run through your plan with everyone in your home. Go to each room and the building exits and point to the way out.



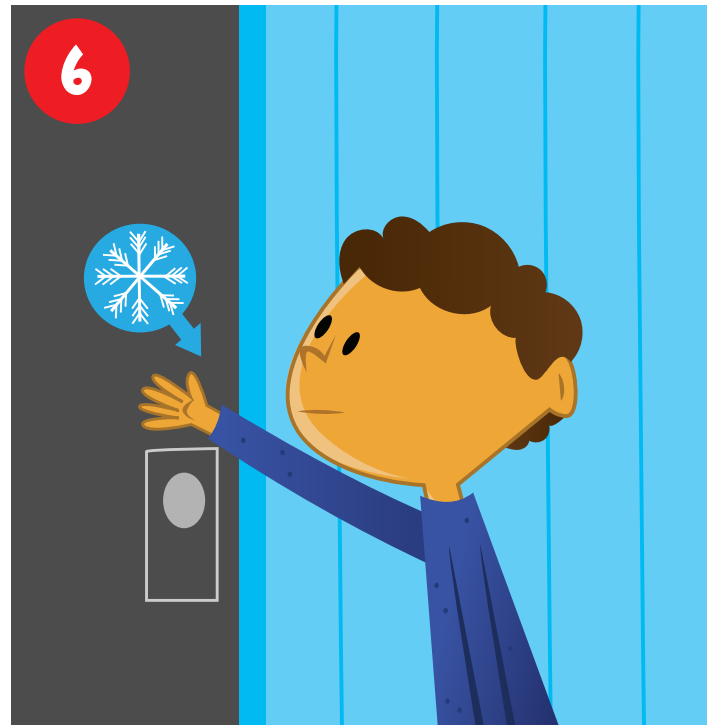
**4** **Before opening a door, feel the doorknob and then the door.** If they feel hot, warm, or if there is smoke on the other side, stay inside and call the fire department.



**Kids**



**Call 9-1-1.** Make sure everyone in your household knows how to call 9-1-1. Place a cloth outside your window to let firefighters know you are still inside.



**Close doors behind you.** Remember that if the door and doorknob feel cool, you should exit. Always close doors behind you as you leave.



**Use the stairs.** Practice using the exit stairs to get out and stay out. Never go back inside.



**Go to your meeting place.** An outside meeting place could be a light post, mailbox, or stop sign.

# What's HOT? What's NOT?

**Directions:** Look at the pictures below. Circle the items that are HOT or can get HOT. Things that are HOT can burn and hurt you. Remember to stay away from anything that is HOT or could be HOT.



**There are things inside and outside your home that are hot or can get hot.**

If you don't know if something is hot, stay away from it and check with a grown-up. Do not touch matches or lighters. Tell a grown-up if you find matches or lighters.

ANSWERS: matches, soup, coffee cup, oven, sparkwheel lighter, coffee maker, toaster, utility lighter



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