

Everyday is Fire Safety Day - Practice Your Home Fire Escape Plan

Lesson Plan: World Series of Fire Safety Grades 3-6



Objective:

- To correctly answer as many fire safety questions as possible!

Materials:

- Download the “World Series of Fire Safety” game cards. Each correctly answered game card question is worth a single, double, triple, or home run, depending on its level of difficulty.
- Chalkboard/whiteboard - Draw 2 baseball diamonds on the board with a tally sheet marked with single, double, triple or home run next to each diamond.
- Two desks - Each desk represents home plate for the two teams. Students will step to the plate at the desks to answer the questions.
- 2 buzzers (bells, whistles...) - Students will use the buzzers to swing/signal that they know the answer to the question.

Roles:

- Pitcher - The role can be played by the teacher, older student, principal, or firefighter who will ask the game card questions, determine whose buzzer sounds first, and ensure that questions are answered correctly.
- Scorekeeper - Standing at the board between the baseball diamonds and tally sheets, s/he should keep track of each kid on base and how many runs are scored by each team.
- Two teams—Students comprise the two World Series teams.

How to Play:

- Divide students into two teams of equal size. Line up each team single file behind the two desks/home plates.
- Place a buzzer on each desk/home plate.
- Have the first student in each line step up to home plate.
- Read a fire safety question aloud from one of the game cards, noting what the question is worth (single, double, triple, home run). The first student to swing/ring the buzzer, answers the question.
 - If correct, the scorekeeper tallies the hit and both students should go to the back of the line, with the next two students quickly stepping up to the plate.
 - If incorrect, s/he should go to the back of the line, and the other team player can try to answer it. If correct, follow above procedure; if incorrect, s/he goes to the back of the line and two new players step up to home plate.
- Resume play with new game card question
- After all the game cards are read by the pitcher and answered correctly, the game is over. The team with the most runs wins!

World Series of Fire Safety Game Cards

Single

It is safe to leave a dishtowel near the stove top.
True or false?

Answer: **False.** Cooking areas should always be clean and clear of anything that can burn, such as potholders, towels and rags.

Single

Should pot and pan handles on the stove top be turned in or out?

Answer: **In.** Otherwise, they can be easily knocked or pulled down and cause burns.

Double

It is dangerous to play near the cooking area when someone is cooking. True or false?

Answer: **True.** Always play far away from the stove. And make sure you keep your eye on younger kids and pets in the kitchen to make sure they stay far away from the area, too.

Double

Grown-ups should always keep a close eye on food cooking on the stove. True or false?

Answer: **True.** Grown-ups should never leave the room when food is cooking on the stove. It only takes a second for a fire to start.

Triple

Out of the five items I am about to read, which three should a grown-up keep handy in case there is a grease fire on the stove?

A potholder, a chair, an oven mitt, an egg, a lid

Answer: **A potholder, oven mitt and lid.**

Triple

You should wear loose fitting comfortable clothes when cooking. True or false?

Answer: **False.** Long sleeves and loose fitting clothes can come into contact with a hot burner and catch on fire easily. Grown-ups should always wear short, close fitting, or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking.

Homerun

What three things should you do if there is a fire in the microwave?

Answer: **Keep the door closed, unplug the microwave, and call the fire department.**

Homerun

How many feet should there be in a "kid-free-zone?"

Answer: **Three feet.**

World Series of Fire Safety Game Cards

Single

Which one of these things can get hot: an ice cream cone, a baseball, a heater, or a jellybean.

Answer: **A heater.** Keep things that can burn at least 3' away from portable heaters, and 12" from wall or baseboard heaters.

Single

Listen to the following list of items. Which ones should you keep away from a heater?

- A. a chair
- B. a bed
- C. a dog
- D. all of the above

Answer: **D.** Anything that can burn should be kept 3' from a portable heater, and 12" from wall or baseboard heaters.

Double

When should you turn off a portable heater?

Answer: **When you leave the room or go to bed.**

Double

Portable space heaters need space. True or False?

Answer: **True.** Keep anything that can burn, including people and pets, 3' from portable space heaters, and 12" from wall or baseboard heaters.

Triple

What should you have on your fireplace that will keep sparks from flying into the room?

Answer: **A sturdy metal screen or built-in glass doors.**

Triple

When should grown-ups have chimneys and heating systems checked?

- A. when it's raining
- B. once a year
- C. every month

Answer: **Once a year.** Each year before starting the furnace or using a fireplace they should be checked.

Homerun

Kids should put matches and lighters away in a safe place if they find them. True or False?

Answer: **False.** If kids find matches or lighters, they should NOT touch them. They should TELL A GROWN-UP immediately and ask them to have the matches and lighters locked up high and away from kids' sight and reach.

Homerun

How far should furniture, people, pets and anything else that can burn be away from wall or baseboard heaters?

Answer: **At least 12 inches.**

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Single

It is safe to touch an electrical outlet. True or False?

Answer: **False.** You should never touch an electrical outlet.

Single

Extension cords should not run across doorways or under furniture and carpets. True or False?

Answer: **True.** Cords can overheat and start things around them on fire.

Double

When should electrical cords be replaced?

Answer: **If they are loose, cracked or frayed.**

Double

Should lamps be put on level surfaces or uneven surfaces?

Answer: **Level surfaces. Otherwise, lamps can tip over and start a fire.**

Triple

What should be done with small appliances, such as toasters and coffeemakers when they are not being used?

Answer: **They should be unplugged.**

Triple

Fill in the last word of this sentence: "When an outlet has too many appliances plugged into it, it's _____."

Answer: **Overloaded.** Overloading an outlet causes overheating which can cause a fire.

Homerun

How many appliances should be plugged into each outlet?

Answer: **Two.** Outlets were designed to carry specific "loads"; plugging in more appliances than the outlet was designed for will cause overheating which can lead to a fire.

Homerun

What should you use to cover outlets that will keep small kids safe?

Answer: **Plastic safety covers.**

World Series of Fire Safety Game Cards

Single

What kind of plan should you and your family have so that everyone knows exactly what to do in a fire?

Answer: **A home fire escape plan.**

Single

How often should you test your smoke alarms?

- A. Once a week
- B. Once a year
- C. Once a month

Answer: **C. Push the test button**

Double

Your home fire escape plan should have how many ways out of every room?

Answer: **Two.** The first exit is a door, and the second way out is usually a window.

Double

How often should the smoke alarm batteries be replaced?

Answer: **Once a year.** (or when the alarm "chirps" warning that the batteries are low)

Triple

What should you do if you have to escape through a smoky area?

Answer: **Crawl low under smoke where the air is good to the exit.**

Triple

Where should you go once you have safely escaped your home?

Answer: **Your outside meeting place; "once out, stay out."**

Homerun

Where should smoke alarms be placed in your home?

Answer: **On each level of the home, outside of the sleeping areas and in each bedroom.**

Homerun

How often should you practice your home fire escape plan?

Answer:
Twice a year and at least once a night.

World Series of Fire Safety Game Cards

Single

When you call 911 to report an emergency the first thing you will be asked is "Is this a medical, police, or _____ emergency?"

Answer: **Fire.** Dispatchers need to know the type of emergency so they can get the right responders to the emergency quickly.

Single

The smoke alarms in your home are more than 10 years old. What should you do?

Answer: **Remind a grown-up to replace them.** Smoke alarms should be replaced every ten years.

Double

You are watching TV and your mom walks in and lights a candle. A few minutes later, she leaves the room to start making dinner. What should you do?

Answer: **Remind your mom to blow out the candle before SHE leaves the room.** Lighted candles should never be left without a grown-up in the room.

Double

Grown-ups should always keep a close eye on food cooking on the stove. True or false?

Answer: **True.** Grown-ups should never leave the room when food is cooking on the stove. It only takes a second for a fire to start.

Triple

The smoke alarm has sounded and you are escaping. There is smoke blocking your exit. What should you do?

Answer: **Use your second way out.** It is important to have a second way out in case your first way out is blocked by smoke.

Triple

Your older brother's room is a mess. He throws his clothes all over the place. The only place he hangs his clothes is on top of his lamp. What should you do?

Answer: **Get a grown-up involved.** Remind a grown-up that it is a fire hazard to put things that can burn next to a heat source - such as a hot electric bulb.

Homerun

You and your dad are home alone. Your dad is doing the laundry and has just put the clothes in the dryer and pushes the start button. He tells you to get your soccer stuff so he can take you to the game. What should you do?

Answer: **Remind him to never leave the clothes dryer running when you leave home because a fire could start inside the dryer or the vent.**

Homerun

You are helping your dad clean the garage. The gasoline can does not have a cap. What should you do?

Answer: **Tell you dad that this is a very dangerous situation!** Gasoline needs to be stored in an unbreakable, tightly sealed container that is specially made to store small amounts of gasoline.