

Children Can Help Prevent Fires Too

Eighty-five percent of all fires are human-caused. Children cause some of those fires. With a few simple instructions, they can become part of the fire prevention team. To help prevent fires, children can:

- Stay away from matches or lighters. If they find matches or lighters, they should not touch them and tell an adult right away.
- Tell an adult immediately when they see other children playing with matches or lighters.
- Report any sign of smoke or fire to an adult immediately. Children should not try to put out the fire themselves. This is a job for an adult.

In a fire emergency children should:

- Find and tell an adult about the fire
- If near a telephone, call 911
- Got a pre-assigned meeting place
- Stay calm and listen to the instructions given by parents or other adults

Children can easily learn about fire prevention. Additional fire prevention information for children can be found at Smokey Bear's website at www.smokey.com and Sparky the Fire Dog's site at www.sparky.com. Check out the fire prevention curriculum for kindergarten through the third grade level at www.wa.gov/dnr/htdocs/rp/prevention

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