

Fire Safety

A safety guide for secondary school students with an autistic spectrum disorder.





When a smoke detector senses smoke it usually means there is a fire nearby. I must make sure that all the smoke detectors in my house are working properly. Checking the batteries regularly is a good idea.



A fire extinguisher is a fire protection device that I can use if there is a small fire. It is a good idea to keep a fire extinguisher in the kitchen. I should talk to my parents to learn how to use a fire extinguisher.



It is important to check cords for any damage. A damaged cord is a fire hazard. Cords should not be under carpets. I should not overload an electrical outlet with too many electrical devices. Using a power bar is a good idea.



If I am using candles, it is important to never leave them unattended. I must make sure to blow them out before I leave the room. I must also keep matches and lighters away from children.



If I go camping and I make a campfire, it is important to always keep a pail of water and a shovel nearby to control the fire. I must never leave a campfire unattended.



When cooking in the kitchen, I need to make sure to watch over the pots and pans when using the burners. If I am using an electrical device, like a toaster or an electric kettle, I need to make sure that the plug is properly held in the electrical outlet.



It is important to have a fire escape plan in case of a fire. Together with my parents, I can draw a map of my house with 2 possible exit plans. I can also mark a meeting place outside that is a safe distance from my house.



If there is a fire, firefighters will be called to put out the fire. It is important for me to listen to them and follow their instructions. I can also tell them if I need help to support my needs.

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