

## Safety Tip of the Month: Fire Safety at Home

It is very important to prepare for both building fires and wild fires. Fires in buildings are very dangerous. Every year, building fires kill about 5,000 people in this country. One of the most important things to remember is that your house should have a working smoke detector. Look around your house to see if you have a smoke detector on every floor in the house. Get help from a parent or adult to check if your smoke detectors are working. Also check to see if your family has a working fire extinguisher. Your family should have a fire plan of how to escape from your house if it is on fire. If you are caught in a fire, remember: Stay low to the ground where the smoke is not so heavy. NEVER hide during a fire. Always get out. And once you are out, stay out. DO NOT go back for a toy. Tell an adult if there is a person left behind in the burning house.

### **Here are fire safety tips that can help keep you and your family safe if things get hot!**

1. If you smell smoke, never open a door until you have checked it for heat with the back of your hand.
2. If you wake up and smell smoke, get on the floor and crawl to the nearest fire exit or window since smoke floats up in the air.
3. Call **911** in case of emergency, and make sure you know the correct address of the emergency when you do.
4. If your clothes catch on fire, **Don't Panic!** Instead, **Stop, Drop and Roll, Covering Your Face.**
5. Never place flammable items such as, wood, chemicals or oily and dirty rags near heat sources.
6. If you find matches or a lighter, give them to your parents, a teacher or a grownup you know right away!
7. Remind your parents that every home should have a fire extinguisher and that everyone should know how to use it.
8. Make sure there are not too many plugs in an electrical outlet. Ask a grownup for help on fixing this.
9. Plan a visit to your local Fire Station with your family, classroom or a club. They'll have lots of information on fire safety and lots of cool things to see and do!