



STOP!



DROP!



ROLL!

◀ Round Robin topic:
Sparkey the fire dog

Fire Facts

Fires are fast—it takes less than 5 minutes for thick black smoke to fill a house.

Fires are hot—the floor of a room can reach 100° F within minutes.

Fires are dark—smoke is the greatest danger in a fire. If you wake up at night, you may be unable see anything.

Fire is deadly—On average, 7 people die in home fires every day. Smoke and toxic gases kill more people than flames do.

What is the major cause of home fires? Cooking equipment (stoves, barbecues, etc.) cause the most fires but smoking is number one killer. Smoking materials that fall to the floor or into furniture cushions cause 19% of all deaths.

Vocabulary

Fire escape plan—a map of the interior of your home that shows two ways to get out of every room.

Meeting point—a place outside your home that everyone goes to immediately after you discover a fire.

Crawl—get down on your hands and knees if there is smoke.

Smoke detector—Every bedroom and hall of your home should have one. Replace the detector every 10 years.

CO detector—senses the presence of carbon monoxide, an odorless gas produced by incomplete combustion. Install one next to your furnace and your generator.

Circuit interrupters—an electrical plug that shuts off the power if the electricity is 'leaking out' from an appliance.

Fire extinguisher—a device that puts out fires by preventing air from getting to the fire. Be sure you practice using your fire extinguisher.