

# DON'T PLAY WITH FIRE

Supervise young children closely. Do not leave them alone, even for short periods of time.

Take the mystery out of fire by teaching children that fire is a tool for adults, not a toy for children.

Hey Kids! It's me, Blaze! Did you know that

- ✓ Children 14 and under make up 10-15 percent of all fire deaths.
- ✓ 52% of all child fire deaths involve those under 5. These children are usually unable to escape from a fire independently.
- ✓ At home, children often play with fire in bedrooms, in closets and under beds to avoid detection. These locations just so happen to contain a lot of flammable materials.
- ✓ Too often, child fire-setters are not given proper guidance and supervision by parents and teachers.

Purchase & use only child-resistant lighters. Lighters that look like toys can confuse children and cause fires, injuries, & death.

Check under beds and in closets for burned matches, evidence your child might be playing with fire.

Develop a home fire escape plan, practice it with your children & designate a safe meeting place outside your residence.

Teach children not to hide from firefighters but to get out quickly and call for help from another location.

Show children how to crawl on the floor below smoke, to get out of the home and stay out.

Demonstrate how to stop, drop, and roll if their clothes catch fire.

Entirely replace any smoke alarm that is at least 10 years old.

Keep matches and lighters in a locked drawer or cabinet, high out of the reach of children.

Teach young children to never touch matches and lighters, and to tell a grown-up if they find them.

Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.



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