

Need Assistance?

If you would like help testing your smoke alarms or preparing a home fire escape plan, Toronto Fire Services can assist you.

***Protect
your family.***

***Protect
your home.***

**Prevention,
Detection,
and
Escape**

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*Teach your children good
fire safety habits*



Fire Safety for Children

In North America, hundreds of children die or are seriously injured in fires each year. Children are much more likely than adults to be injured in a fire. Teach your children the importance of fire safety at an early age.

Teach your children

▼ Fire can hurt them and destroy things and once a fire is started it is difficult to control.

▼ Matches and lighters are not toys. They are dangerous and should be used only by adults.



Tell your children to get out

When children see smoke or fire they often respond by trying to hide, for example, in a closet or under a bed. Tell children not to hide from fire but to escape immediately.



- ▼ Prepare and practice a fire escape plan with your children. Plan two ways to get out of every room.
- ▼ Practice fire drills at least twice a year.
- ▼ In an apartment fire, children need to know which stairways will get them out of the building.
- ▼ Tell your children never to use an elevator during a fire.

▼ Decide on a planned meeting area outside the home as part of your home fire escape plan.

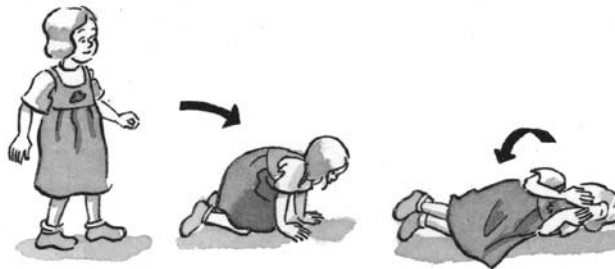


▼ Tell your children never to go back into a burning building.

▼ Teach your children how to call 9-1-1 from a neighbour's phone.

Teach your children how to:

Stop, drop and roll when their clothes catch on fire



Tell them to:

- ▼ Stop where they are, and stop what they are doing. Don't run.
- ▼ Drop to the ground.
- ▼ Cover their face with their hands and then roll over and over until the flames are out.

Crawl low under smoke

Teach your children to get down on their hands and knees and crawl low under the smoke to the nearest exit. Tell them smoke is dangerous and that they need to stay close to the ground where the air is cooler and cleaner.



React to smoke alarms

Tell your children to get out of the house immediately when they hear the sound of the smoke alarm. Teach your child how important smoke alarms are by testing them once a month. Change the battery at least once a year.

