

What can You as a Parent do?

Teach your child about fire:

1. Fire is a tool we use to heat our homes or cook our food.
2. It is not a toy.
3. Fire is dangerous--it can kill.
4. All fires-- even small ones--can spread quickly.
5. Even adults must follow special safety rules for fire.

Control your child's access to fire:

1. Keep all matches and lighters out of the reach of children-- even a 2-year-old can operate a cigarette lighter.
2. Never allow anyone to use lighters or matches in an unsafe manner in your home.
3. Never leave a stove or candle fire unattended.
4. Teach children to show you any unattended matches or lighters they find. Do not have the child pick up the matches or lighter.

Set a good example:

1. Install and maintain smoke detectors and fire extinguishers.
2. Plan and practice home fire escape drills.
3. Regularly inspect your home for fire hazards.
4. Always use " safety sense" when making or using fire.
5. Point out to your children the safety rules you and others are following throughout the day.

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