Frances the Firefly

Never play with matches.

Keep toys and clothes away from heaters.

Stop, drop and roll.

Get out, stay out, and call 999.

Visit Frances at www.direct.gov.uk/firekitts
Teach children how to make an emergency call but make sure they know that 999 is the number you dial only in an emergency.

Never play with matches or lighters.
If you see matches or lighters lying around, tell a grown-up.

Never play with a lighted candle.
Don't play close to a fire or heater, or leave toys near a fire or heater.

Don't pull on electric cables or play with electrical appliances or sockets.
Put plug guards into sockets so children can't stick things into the holes.

Never switch on the cooker.
Never put anything on top of the cooker or touch any saucepans.

Never allow young children to switch on the cooker or touch hot or steamy objects or liquids.

Smoke alarms are a warning device that detects smoke at the earliest stages of a fire. This gives you vital extra time to escape.

Smoke alarms cost from as little as £5 and you can get them from supermarkets and in high-street stores.

Fit at least one for each floor level of your home, ideally on the hallway or landing ceilings.

Don't put smoke alarms in kitchens or bathrooms where they can be set off accidentally. You can buy smoke alarms fitted with a 'hush button' so you can silence the alarm if it goes off by mistake.

Smoke alarms with ten-year batteries are also available.

Teach children never to play with lighted candles.
Position lighted candles out of the reach of children.

Don’t tackle fires yourself. Leave it to the professionals.
Fit a smoke alarm and test it weekly.

In the event of a fire...
Get Out, Stay Out, and call 999

A few minutes thinking about how you’d get out in a fire can make all the difference.

What would you do if your main escape route was blocked? Would everyone know what to do? Make sure everyone in your home, including children, know the basic procedure for escaping a fire.

It might be an idea to pin up your escape plan on the wall or fridge.

Make sure children know the escape routes and practice them with you.

Make sure exits are kept clear at all times.

Keep door and window keys where everyone can find them.

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Make sure children know it is wrong.

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Test the batteries once a month and change the batteries every year in your smoke alarm. This takes you two minutes.

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