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Fire Prevention Curriculum THIRD & FOURTH GRADE

Grades Three and Four Topics:

1. Getting to know firefighters
2. Don't hide. Shout: "Help! I'm here!"
3. Stop, drop, roll
4. Do the right thing - do not touch lighters
5. Smoke Detectors
6. EDITH
7. Talk about problems with making false 911 calls

Become Familiar with Firefighters:

1. Firefighters help people - it's their job to help save lives and property by responding to medical emergencies and fighting fires
2. They wear special protective gear when they are fighting fires
 - a. A coat
 - b. Pants
 - c. Boots
 - d. Helmet
 - e. Mask
3. Firefighters rescue people in danger so never hide from a firefighter in your home
4. Shout loudly, "Help! I'm over here!"

Crawl Low Under Smoke --- Stop, Drop, and Roll: What colors are a traffic light? RED, YELLOW, GREEN. Think STOP, DROP, ROLL. Students should practice how to do this. Show them how to do it. Several times. Practice crawling low under smoke.

Learn About Lighters: Ask students if they know what a lighter is. What happens if they find one or see one in their house or outside somewhere? Should they pick it up? Should they show their friend? Should they try it out? Students should all say "NO" to each question. They should never pick it up. **They should do the RIGHT THING. They should tell a grown up where they saw it.** Ask them: What is the RIGHT THING to do if you find a lighter? They should tell a grown up. A lighter is a tool, not a toy!

Smoke Detectors = Safety: A smoke detector is a device that senses smoke, and typically can tell you if there's a fire. Let's review how you can be sure your smoke alarms are working properly so they can keep you and your family safe.

- a. Firefighters like to use the term: Once a month, once a year, once a decade when talking about smoke detectors.
- b. Home smoke alarms need to be tested at least once a month using the test button. A working smoke alarm makes a beep, beep, beep sound.
 - i. A chirping smoke alarm means the battery is low
- c. Once a year they should change the batteries in a standard battery-operated smoke detector
- d. Once a decade (or once every ten years), their smoke alarm should be replaced

EDITH: EDITH stands for Exit Drills in the Home - practicing exit drills in your home can help you and your family prepare for an emergency. Most fires occur at night when people are the least prepared. If you and your family have not practiced how to escape during an emergency, home fires can become a disaster.

- Crawl low to avoid smoke
- Exit the door
- Meet outside

Making False 911 Calls: It's a prank call when someone calls 911 for a joke or calls 911 and hangs up. Prank calls not only waste time and money but can also be dangerous. If 911 lines or call takers are busy with prank calls, someone with a real emergency may not be able to get the help they need. In most places, it's against the law to make prank 911 calls.