



Dear Parent or Carer

Your child has taken part in a fire safety session led by Surrey Fire and Rescue Service. As part of our prevention work, we visit schools to teach children and young people key fire safety skills. We want all families to be safe from fire, so please take a few minutes to talk to them about what they learnt today.

In the session, we covered:

- The Fiery 5 – common fire hazards at home
- The importance of working smoke alarms
- Fire Escape Plans – how to prepare to escape a fire
- Stop, Drop and Roll for clothing fires

How you can keep your family safe from fire:

In addition to discussing today's session with your child, there are steps that you can take to ensure your family is safe from fire and prepared in case of an emergency.

Common fire hazards at home include:

- cookers / ovens
- candles and fireplaces
- matches and lighters
- electrical items
- barbecues / bonfires

We have taught your child to stay away from these items.

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Matches and lighters should always be kept out of the reach of children.

Electrical fires are increasingly common: replace damaged cables, allow hot electrical items sufficient time to cool in a safe place, and avoid overloading plug sockets with too many devices.

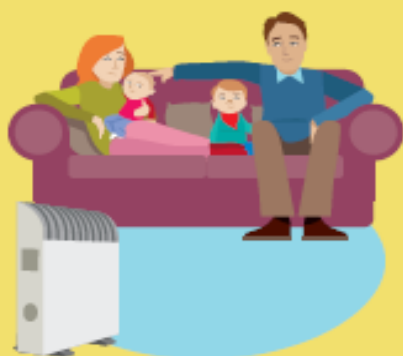
Smoke alarms save lives. It is essential to have working smoke alarms in the home. We recommend having at least one per floor of the home, attached to the ceiling near the main exit routes, e.g. in the hallway. It is best to test your smoke alarm batteries weekly, and we have suggested your child schedules a time for this.

Making a **Fire Escape Plan** and practising it with your family means that everyone will be prepared in case of an emergency. Please help your child complete their fire escape plan worksheet and discuss how you would exit safely from each part of the house in case of a fire. Assign a designated safe meeting place outside and **agree on a plan of what to do if you can't escape**. Encourage your child to learn their address in case they need to call 999.

Stop, Drop and Roll is the most effective way to put out a clothing fire. Stop moving, get to the floor and roll to smother the flames until they are out. Your child could demonstrate the manoeuvre to you.

We visit homes to provide personalised fire safety advice and if necessary, supply and install fire safety equipment free of charge. Find out more over the page!





To book a **free Safe and Well Visit** for yourself, or refer a loved one or someone you're worried about, do one of the following:

➤ Visit www.surreycc.gov.uk/safeandwell

➤  Scan the QR code with your phone camera

➤ Call free on 0800 085 0767

➤ Text to 07971 691898 with:
• your name • a contact number
• your postcode • your primary concern - such as smoke alarms, a disability, or safety concern.



We are here to help you stay safe and well in your home.

