

STRIKE OUT FIRE

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**Help your FIREPUP
cover the
Fire Safety Bases**

Coach FIREPUP wants to train you to strike out fire in your home.



As you round the fire safety bases, keep an eye out for fire dangers in your home and answer these questions.

When you reach home plate, tell a grown-up what you found.

ASK A GROWN-UP TO HELP INSPECT YOUR HOME FOR FIRE DANGERS.

FIRST BASE - COOKING SAFETY:

- ❌ **STAY CLOSE** - does a grown-up always stay in the kitchen when food is cooking?
- ❌ **STOVE TOPS** - are stove tops and countertops clean and uncluttered?
- ❌ **POT HOLDERS** - are there pot holders within easy reach of the stove?
- ❌ **POT HANDLES** - are pot handles turned inward so they can't be bumped?
- ❌ **CURTAINS** - are curtains and other things that can burn away from the stove?
- ❌ **KID-FREE ZONE** - do grown-ups enforce a "kid-free zone" of three feet (one meter) around the stove when they're cooking?



SECOND BASE - HEATING SAFETY:

- ❌ **SPACE HEATERS** - are all space heaters at least three feet (one meter) away from walls and anything else that can burn?
- ❌ **FIRE SCREEN** - does your fireplace have a screen to catch sparks?
- ❌ **CHIMNEY** - has your chimney been inspected and cleaned during the past year? (Ask a grown-up.)
- ❌ **FURNACE** - has your furnace been serviced by a professional in the past year? (Ask a grown-up.)
- ❌ **PROPANE TANKS** - are propane gas tanks and other fuels stored outside your home?



THIRD BASE - ELECTRICAL SAFETY:

- ❌ **EXTENSION CORDS** - are extension cords always used safely - never run under carpets or across doorways?
- ❌ **ELECTRICAL CORDS** - are electrical cords in good condition? (Ask a grown-up to unplug lamps and appliances before you inspect the cords.)
- ❌ **WALL OUTLETS** - are kitchen appliances, such as coffeemaker, toaster oven, and microwave, plugged directly into wall outlets?



SAFE AT HOME:

- ❌ **SMOKE ALARMS** - does your home have smoke alarms on every floor and inside or near every sleeping area?
- ❌ **BATTERIES** - are the batteries working in all your smoke alarms? (Have a grown-up help you push the test button to test them.)
- ❌ **EXITS** - are all the exits from your home clear; no trash, no toys, no clutter?
- ❌ **ESCAPE PLAN** - does your family have a home escape plan?
- ❌ **MEETING PLACE** - has your family agreed on a safe place to meet outside when you escape from a fire?
- ❌ **FIRE DRILLS** - does your family hold fire drills at least twice a year?
- ❌ **EMERGENCY NUMBER** - do you know the fire department's emergency phone number? Call 9-1-1 once you get outside.

