

Family Meeting Topics:

1. **Fire Escape Plan - Critical Concept: Concern, Effectiveness**
Review with the youth the fire escape plan, role play possible scenarios as an activity and during the week do a drill.
2. **72 hour kits - Critical Concept: Concern, Effectiveness**
Discuss the need for 72 hour kits without scaring the youth. Talk about the importance of being prepared. Go over the items in the kits and how they are used. For a fun activity make a cross word puzzle or word search out of items in the kits.
3. **Family Plan - Critical Concept: Concern, Effectiveness**
Discuss the importance of organization and planning for things. Have the youth give day to day examples of things they need to plan for. Discuss the family plan for emergency/ disasters. Fill out emergency cards for activity and
4. **Disaster Planning - Critical Concept: Concern, Effectiveness**
Review different types of disasters, being careful not to scare the youth. Take about how nice it is to know what to do - JUST IN CASE. Discuss different emergencies that may arise and educate them using the FEMA site for kids or your booklet. Give them the test at the end.
5. **Safe Home - Critical Concept: Concern, Effectiveness**
Talk about different rooms in the house and home safety tips that will keep everyone safe. As an activity, do a "HOME HAZARD HUNT" and look for items that could be potentially hazardous. Discuss with the youth how to fix this to make it more safe and DO IT!

Youth Activities:

Visit the FEMA site for kids for fun on-line games, information, facts etc.

Home Fire Safety Checklist

Score a fire safety home run — do a home fire safety inspection!

Striking out fire in your home requires a little homework. Take about 20 minutes to inspect your home. As you go from room to room, answer the questions below. For each question you answer “yes” to, give yourself a point. When you’re finished, add up the points to find out your score. Kids, ask a grown-up to help you complete this checklist!

First Base - Cooking Safety

- Yes No Does a grown-up always stay in the kitchen when food is cooking on the stove?
- Yes No Are stove tops and counters clean and uncluttered?
- Yes No Are there pot holders within easy reach of the stove?
- Yes No Are pot handles turned inward so they can’t be bumped?
- Yes No Are curtains and other things that can burn well away from the stove?
- Yes No Is there a “kid-free” zone of three feet (one metre) around the stove when grown-ups are cooking?

Second Base - Heating Safety

- Yes No Are portable space heaters always turned off when adults leave the room or go to sleep?
- Yes No If space heaters are used in your home, are they at least three feet (one metre) away from anything else that can burn, including people, furniture, and pets?
- Yes No Does your fireplace have a sturdy screen to catch sparks?
- Yes No Has your chimney been inspected and cleaned during the past year?
- Yes No Has your furnace been serviced by a professional in the past year?
- Yes No Are propane tanks and other fuels stored outside your home?

Third Base - Electrical Safety

- Yes No Are extension cords used safely? (Are they not under carpets or across doorways?)
- Yes No Are electrical cords in good condition, without cracks or frayed areas? (A grown-up should unplug lamps and appliances before inspecting the cords.)
- Yes No Are kitchen appliances — such as the coffee-maker, toaster oven, and microwave — plugged into separate receptacle outlets?


Home Plate - Smoke Alarms/ Home Fire Escape

- Yes No Does your home have smoke alarms on every level, including the basement, and outside each sleeping area?
- Yes No Are the batteries working in all your smoke alarms? (A grown-up should help by pushing the test button to find out.)
- Yes No Are all the exits in your home clear of furniture, toys, and clutter?
- Yes No Does your family have a home fire escape plan that includes two exits, usually a door and a window, from each room?
- Yes No Has your family picked a safe place to meet outside after you exit your home?

Yes No Have you and your family practiced a home fire drill within the last six months? (Why not do one tonight?)


Yes No Do you know the fire department's emergency phone number (which should be called from a neighbor's or nearby phone once you get outside)?


What's Your Fire Safety Batting Average?


 If you answered "yes" to all of the checklist questions above, congratulations! You scored a fire safety home run!



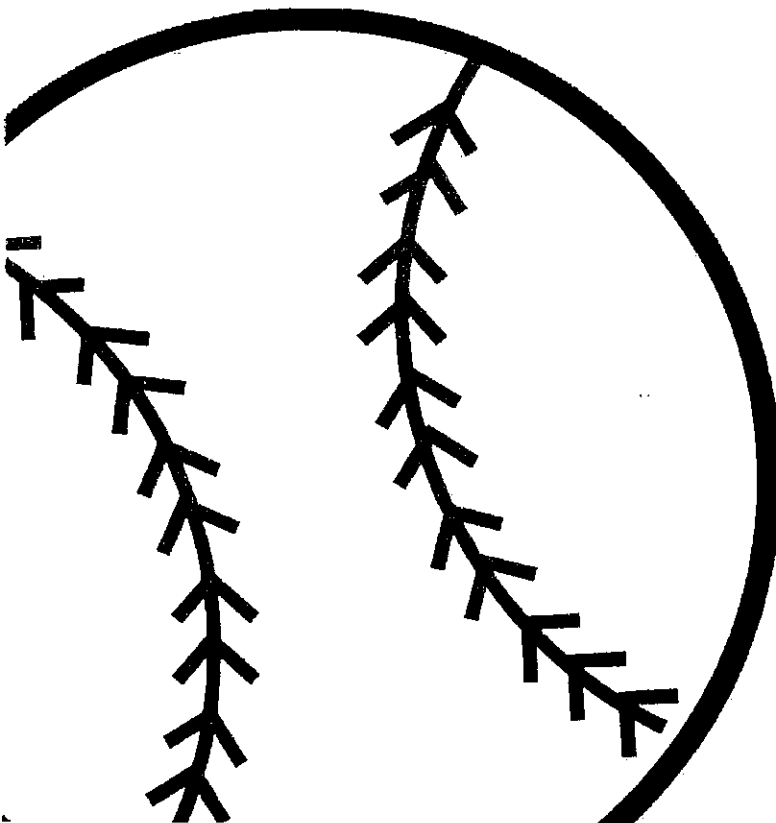
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 If you answered "yes" to 15 to 20 questions, you've made it to third base. Just make a few adjustments, and you'll easily hit a fire safety home run.

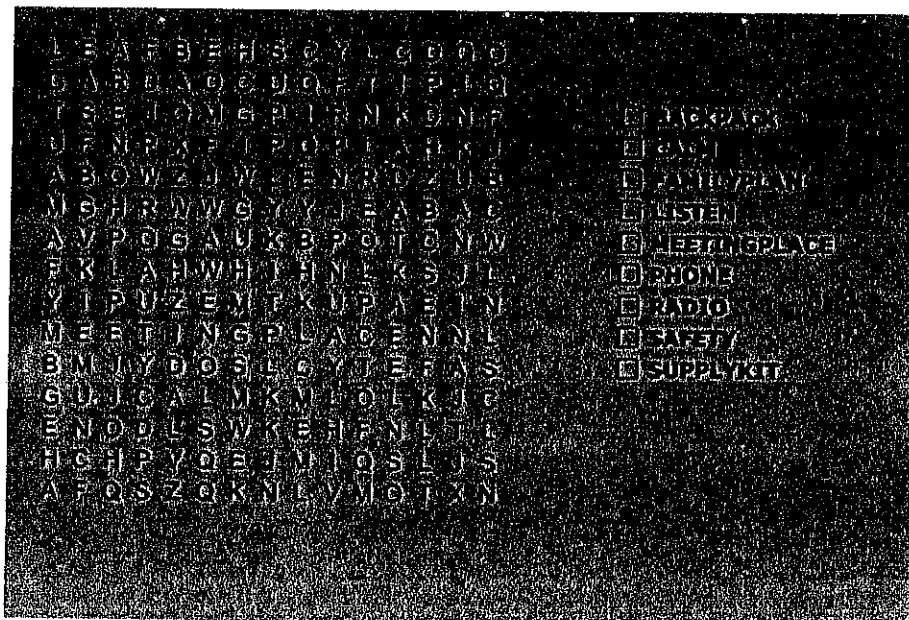
 If you answered "yes" to 10 to 14 questions, you've hit a double. You're going in the right direction, but you've got some work to do before you get to home plate.

 If you answered "yes" to fewer than 10 questions, you've reached first base, but you need to make many changes around your home in order to reach home plate.

For all questions to which you answered "no," make sure your family takes the steps needed to make them a "yes" so you can all score a fire safety home run!



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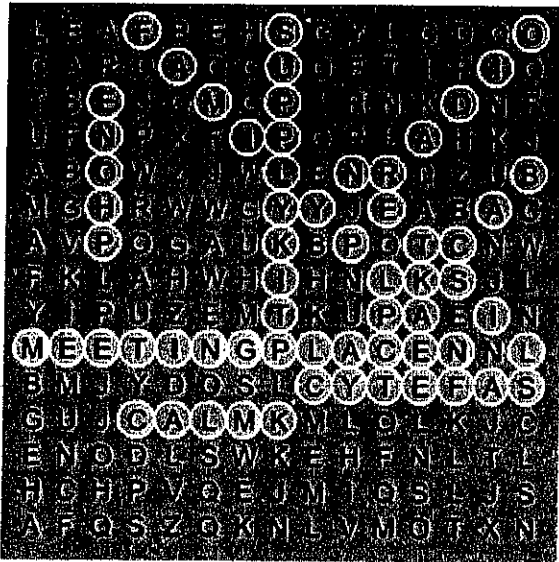


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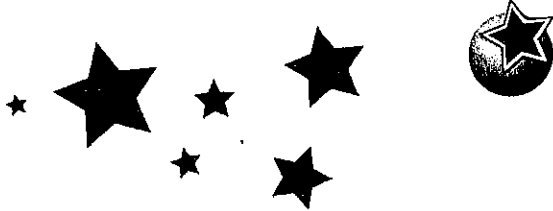




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JUST IN CASE FAMILY PLAN



Your family may not be together in an emergency, so plan how you will contact one another and review what you will do in different situations.

Out-of-State Contact Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email: _____



Fill out the following information for each family member and keep it up to date.

Name: _____

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Date of Birth: _____

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Important Medical Information: _____

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Where to go in an emergency. Write down where your family spends the most time: work, school and other places you frequent. Schools, daycare providers, workplaces and apartment buildings should all have site-specific emergency plans.

Home

Work

Address: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Phone Number: _____

Evacuation Location: _____

Evacuation Location: _____

School

Work

Address: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Phone Number: _____

Evacuation Location: _____

Evacuation Location: _____

School

Places you frequent

Address: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Phone Number: _____

Evacuation Location: _____

Evacuation Location: _____



Important Information	Name	Telephone #
Doctor(s):		
Veterinarian/Kennel:		
Other:		





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JUST IN CASE FAMILY PLAN

Every family member should carry a copy of this important information:

Lined area for writing notes.

Other Important Phone Numbers & Information:

Family Communications Plan

Contact Name: _____
 Telephone: _____

Out-of-State Contact Name: _____
 Telephone: _____

Neighborhood Meeting Place: _____
 Meeting Place Telephone: _____

Dial 9-1-1 for Emergencies!

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 - Flood
 - Tornado
 - Hurricane
 - Breaking your leg
 - Earthquake
 - Wildfire

2. What is the name of floods that happen very quickly?
 - Flashfloods
 - Quick floods
 - Flood 'n fast
 - Waterworld

3. True or false: It's OK to touch and drink flood waters.
 - True
 - False

4. What is an earthquake?
 - The Turtle Tale
 - Shaking, rolling or a sudden shock of the earth's surface
 - High winds and seas
 - Same as electrocution

5. What should you do during an earthquake?
 - Run outside
 - Get in bed
 - Drop and cover
 - Take a vacation

6. What is an aftershock?
 - Static electricity
 - A candy bar
 - A new shoe by Nike
 - A smaller earthquake that follows the main earthquake

7. Tornadoes have what kind of a shape?
 - Funnel
 - Square

Heart-shaped
Red

8. If a tornado is coming, what should you do?

- Drive away
- Seek shelter underground if possible or in a room on the first floor without windows
- Go swimming
- Fly a kite

9. How many hurricane categories are there?

- Two
- Seven
- Five
- Ten

10. When is the official hurricane season?

- June 1 to November 30
- First week of school
- All year
- 1996

11. What is good protection for windows during a hurricane?

- Masking tape
- Old Halloween masks
- Storm shutters
- Glue

12. True or false: During a fire, you should stay low to the ground where there is less smoke.

- True
- False

13. If you go out in the cold, you should dress in:

- Bathing suit
- Layers
- Hula skirt
- Aluminum foil

14. What is a tsunami?

- A series of waves that follow an underground disturbance
- A kind of raw tuna
- A type of Asian self defense
- A disaster involving tainted sushi

15. If you live near a volcano what special items should you have in your family disaster supply kit?

- Swim trunks
- Comic books
- Goggles and throw-away breathing mask
- Special lava shields

16. True or false: You can walk faster than a mudflow.

- True
- False

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