

The Protector needs your help

in preventing fires in the home, so he's naming you as an official "Junior Protector". Here are some things you can do as a Junior Protector to keep your home, and everybody in it, safe from fire:

Never play with matches or lighters of any kind. If you see your younger brothers, sisters or playmates playing with matches or lighters take the matches or lighter from them (if you can) or tell a parent.

If you ever see sparks coming from electrical equipment or outlets in your home tell the nearest adult as quickly as you can.

Suggest that everybody in your home learn the escape routes from your house and be prepared to use them if you should ever have a fire in your home.

As part of your escape plan, one spot a safe distance from the fire should be agreed upon by all members of your family as THE place to meet after everybody is out of the house.

The Protector appoints all his Junior Protectors to advise each member of their family that a window in their room should always be considered as another way to escape a burning home if doors and hallways are blocked.

Above all else: Stay calm and walk quickly (do not run) through the well-practiced escape route and out of the house. Once out, stay out!

Never go back into a burning building! Once outside, use a cellphone to report the fire or go to a neighbor's home to call 9-1-1.

If your home does not have them, urge your parents to have fire and smoke detectors installed in your home.

Remember, smoke rises in a burning room and leaves a pocket of clear air along the floor. So if you are trapped inside your home during a fire and if you cannot get to the escape route, you and your family have practiced, CRAWL close to the floor in the clearer air toward a window.

If your clothes catch fire, remember to **STOP, DROP and ROLL!** This is the surest way to put out the flames.

To become a true "Junior Protector", practice everything you've learned here today over and over until you have it down clearly in your mind.

