

Top tips for fire safety in the home

Every year, over 400 children under the age of 11 die in accidental house fires and young children are particularly vulnerable. Going through some basic safety measures with the children in your setting and sharing these with parents will help to safeguard them.

1. Familiarise children with firefighters and what they are wearing. Ensure children understand who a firefighter is and how they can help them
2. Support children to identify fire hazards and to stay away from them. For example, highlight that matches, lighters and candles are a potential danger. Discuss who might use these in the home and why. Share fire safety information with parents so that these objects can be stored appropriately to try to reduce any unnecessary risks
3. With older children, walk around the setting with some red paper triangles and reusable sticky tack. Explain that red triangles warn of danger. Support them to be aware of places in the setting where there may be dangers such as the kitchen kettle or a radiator. Let them stick on the red triangles and talk to their friends about potential dangers. Communicating with parents when covering this topic will be key so they can reinforce the message at home
4. Explain that you have fire drills at nursery so everyone knows where to go and how to behave if there was ever a real fire
5. Parents can be informed about the leaflet 'Fire - make your home safe' on the gov.uk website so they can access information on creating their own evacuation plan at home to help keep their children safe.



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