



With everyone spending lots of time together at home, it's important to do everything you can to make sure your whole family is safe. There are lots of things you can do together to reduce the risk of a fire starting, and to be prepared in case one starts. Take a look at our tips for staying safe and work together as a family to make your home even safer.

1 STAY CALM, TEST YOUR ALARM

A smoke alarm will help to keep you and your family safe if a fire does happen. Hopefully you'll never need it, but it's important that it works in case you ever do!

BE SAFE: Search for all the smoke alarms in your house and ask an adult to help you test them. If it makes a really loud beep you know it will help keep you safe!

2 DON'T PLAY WITH FIRE

Playing with fire is a hazard, and any open flames should be handled carefully with an adult present. Candles, matches, fireplaces and barbecues can all be dangerous if not used carefully.

BE SAFE: With an adult, list all the fire hazards in your house and discuss how they are used safely. Make sure any open flames are out of reach of children.

3 LOOK WHEN YOU COOK

Cooking is one of the biggest fire risks in the house so you must always watch your cooking. There should always be an adult present when you're in the kitchen.

BE SAFE: Who is the main cook in your house? Talk to them about what you can do to stay safe when someone is cooking in your house.

4 GATHER YOUR CLAN, MAKE A FIRE PLAN

It's important to be prepared in case a fire does start in your house. A Fire Plan helps everybody know what to do and where to go in case of an emergency.

BE SAFE: Draw a birds-eye view picture of your house and garden, and agree an emergency meeting point and mark it on your drawing. Stick it on the fridge so that everybody can see it!

5 GET OUT, STAY OUT, CALL 999 IN AN EMERGENCY

If a fire does break out, get out of the house as quickly as possible. Don't take any of your stuff with you! Call 999 and ask for The Fire Service and follow their instructions.

BE SAFE: Talk to your parents about what a fire engine is and how they will help in an emergency.

WHAT NEXT?

Now that you've learnt some tips for staying safe at home, why not help Freya and Felix design a bold, bright poster to help share these important fire safety messages. You can enter our competition and could win a visit from a fire engine to your school later this year! Visit our website and social media to find out more!

