

10 Fire Safety Rules

- 1.) Don't play with matches and lighters. If you see matches or a lighter where you can reach them, don't touch them. Go tell a staff right away.
- 2.) Smoke detectors can save lives. Ask your staff to show you where each one is located.
- 3.) Remind your staff to test your smoke detectors every month. Make sure everyone in your family is familiar with its piercing sound. This sound means danger, and you must escape quickly.
- 4.) When your staff change the time on your clocks for Daylight Savings, ask them to change your smoke alarm batteries.
- 5.) In case of fire: **DON'T HIDE, GO OUTSIDE!** Fires are scary, but you should **NEVER** hide in closets or bathrooms when there is a fire.
- 6.) To escape during a fire; **Fall & Crawl**. It is easier to breath in a fire if you stay low while getting out. Use the back of your hand to test if a door is hot before you open it. If it is hot, try to use another way out.
- 7.) If your clothes are on fire; **Stop, Drop, and Roll** until the fire is out. Shout for help, but don't run. Running makes fire burn faster.
- 8.) Have an escape plan and practice it with your staff. Find two ways out of every room in case one way is blocked by fire or smoke. Practice escaping by both routes to be sure windows are not stuck and screens can be taken out quickly.
- 9.) Choose a meeting place outside, such as a big tree or the end of the driveway, so you will know that everyone has gotten out safely. **NEVER** go back into a burning building for any reason. If someone is missing, tell the firefighters. They have the clothing and equipment to safely rescue people.
- 10.) Know your local emergency number. Put stickers and magnets with emergency numbers by every telephone in the program. If there is a fire at your program, make sure someone has a phone to call the local emergency number. 911!

