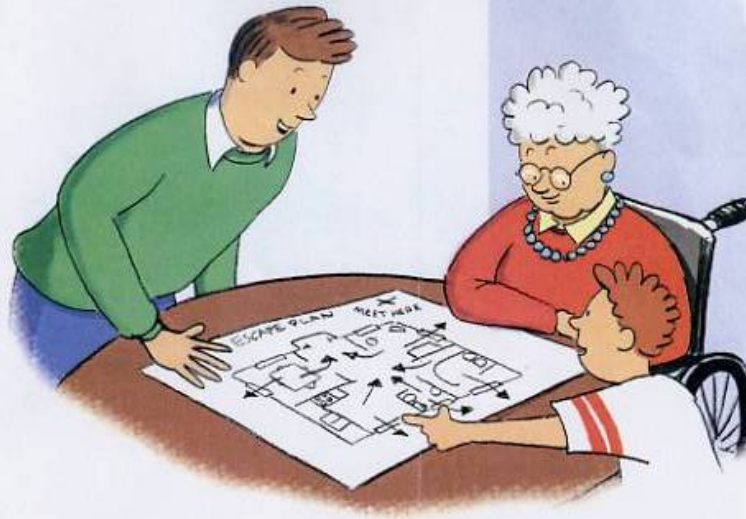


- Are things that can burn, like dish towels, curtains, or paper, at least 3 feet away from the stove?
- Are pot holders or oven mitts easy for grown-ups to reach when they are cooking?
- Do children and pets stay out of the "kid-free zone" (3 feet from the stove) when a grown-up is cooking?
- Are matches and lighters stored up high out of sight and out of reach of kids?
- Are pot handles turned in toward the back of the stove when a grown-up is cooking?
- Does everyone in your family give food cooked in a microwave oven a chance to cool before eating?
- Does everyone in your family know how to cool a burn with water?
- Does your family have a home fire escape plan?
- Does a grown-up test the smoke alarms in your home at least once a month?

Make a Family Fire Escape Plan



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Fire Safety in Your Kitchen



Fire Prevention Week

Sparky wants your family to practice cooking safety. Here are some tips to help you be safe around cooking.

It's fun to help grown-ups cook, but young children should stay at least 3 feet away from the stove when food is cooking. This is what I like to call the "kid-free zone." If you are too close to the stove, you could be burned if something hot is spilled.

If someone gets burned, put cool water on the burn for 3 to 5 minutes.

Some families keep matches in the kitchen. If you find matches, tell a grown-up to put them up high, where kids can't see them or touch them.

Microwave ovens cook food really fast. Food cooked in a microwave can get very hot. Be careful when you take the cover off food because hot steam can burn you. Let the food cool before you eat it. You should use a microwave oven only if a grown-up says it is okay.



Sparky's Fire Prevention Week Checklist

- Does a grown-up watch the stove-top when he or she is frying food?
- Do the grown-ups in your home pay attention to the things that are cooking?
- Is the fire department emergency number near the phone?
- Is your home's fire escape plan somewhere where everyone can see it?
- Are small appliances (like coffee pots and toaster ovens) unplugged when they are not being used?
- Are appliance cords wrapped so they don't hang over the counter?
- Is the top of the stove clean? No spilled food, grease, paper, or bags.