

Sound Off with the Home Fire Safety Patrol

Pre/Post Questionnaire for Students

The pre/post questionnaire designed for the Sound Off school program provides a critical measure of the program's educational effectiveness. To assure that we capture the data needed to evaluate this aspect of the program, please follow these steps:

1. Familiarize yourself with the pre/post questionnaire. You will notice that the two versions are identical. In both versions, questions 1-6 focus on smoke alarms, questions 7-10 on escaping a home fire. The only difference is that one version is marked Pre-Questions at the foot of the page, while the other is marked Post-Questions.
2. Review the pre/post questionnaire with the teachers who are participating in the program with you. Explain that students must complete the Pre-Questions before you begin your classroom presentation, which means that you can administer the Pre-Questions before starting the presentation, or teachers can administer it before you arrive. Students must complete the Post-Questions after you and/or the teacher have presented all the classroom activities included in the program, which may mean that teachers administer the Post-Questions on their own.
3. As a convenience to teachers, make enough photocopies of both versions of the questionnaire for all students who will be participating in the program, plus a few extras just in case. **Before duplicating the questionnaires for students, write the name of your community at the top of both questionnaire sheets.**
4. Tell the students this is a questionnaire to find out what they already know about fire safety to help the instructor know what to cover. Avoid using the term "test," which some students may find intimidating. Explain to students that there are no grades and students do not need to write their names at the top of the questionnaires. (We do not attempt to match the pre- and post-questionnaires of individual students when we tabulate the test results, in part because absences usually mean that the Pre-Questions class won't match up exactly with the Post-Questions class. If any students write their names on the sheet out of habit, we simply disregard them.)
5. Experience has shown that the best way to administer the questionnaire is to read each question and its multiple-choice answers aloud to the class. In addition to providing assistance to students who may be less proficient readers, reading the questions and answers aloud helps to establish a supportive atmosphere and set a comfortable pace for completing the questions. Take care, however, that you do not inadvertently signal the correct answers by a change in your tone of voice.
6. After students complete the Pre-Questions, you or the teacher should gather all the questionnaire sheets. Ask teachers to label the bundle with their name and the name of their school. Make arrangements to collect the completed pre-questionnaires from all the teachers participating in the program, and mail them to:
Dominic Kinsley, Young Minds Inspired (YMI), 90 Crown Street, New Haven, CT 06510.
7. When students have completed the Post-Questions, you or the teacher should gather all those sheets together in a separate bundle. Again, ask teachers to label the bundle with their name and the name of their school. Make arrangements to collect all the bundles from

all the teachers participating in the program, and mail the completed post-questionnaires to YMI at the address above. Should you have questions, you can contact YMI toll-free at 800-859-8005.

8. There is no need for you or your teachers to correct or grade the pre/post questionnaires. You may, however, wish to review the questions with students. To help you, we have provided an answer key at the back of this packet.

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For each question, mark the correct answer with an X.

Your grade: 2nd 3rd

1. Why do you need smoke alarms?

- To keep smoke out of your home.
- To warn you when there is a fire in your home.
- To prevent a fire from starting in your home.
- Don't know.

2. Where should you have smoke alarms in your home?

- In or near every bedroom or anywhere someone sleeps.
- In the kitchen.
- Near the closets.
- Don't know.

3. How often should you test your smoke alarms?

- At least once a year.
- At least once a month.
- At least once a week.
- Don't know.

4. How often should you replace your smoke alarms?

- Never – they last forever.
- Every 10 years, or when the smoke alarm does not work when you push the test button.
- At least once a year.
- Don't know.

5. What should you do when a smoke alarm makes a chirping sound?

- Get out of your home fast!
- Push the test button to see if the smoke alarm works.
- Have a grown-up put in a new battery or put up a new smoke alarm.
- Don't know.

6. What should you do when a smoke alarm goes BEEP-BEEP-BEEP over and over again?

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7. Which one of these things is part of a Home Fire Escape Plan?

- A fire extinguisher.
- An outside meeting place.
- A pair of boots.
- Don't know.

8. How often should you practice your Home Fire Escape Plan?

- Two times every year.
- One time every year.
- One time every month.
- Don't know.

9. How quickly should you be able to get outside when you are escaping a home fire?

- In less than 10 minutes.
- In less than 5 minutes.
- In less than 3 minutes.
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10. What should you take with you when you are escaping a home fire?

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