

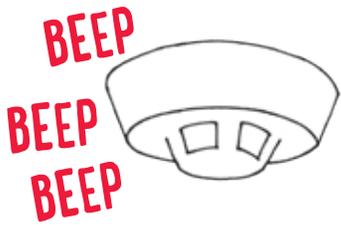
SOUND OFF WITH THE HOME FIRE SAFETY PATROL

Join the HOME FIRE SAFETY PATROL!

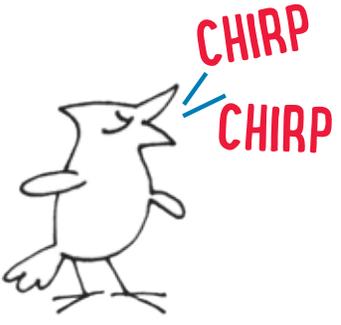


Smoke alarms are important. They warn you when there is a fire.

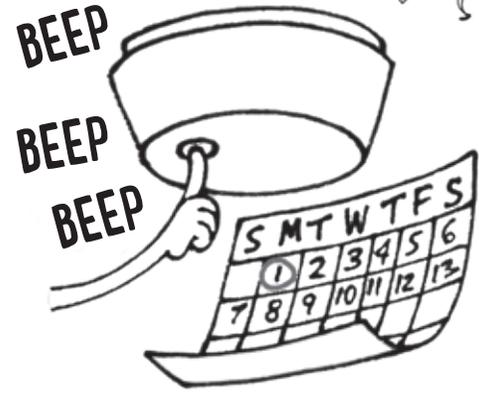
Do you know your smoke alarm sounds?



BEEP-BEEP-BEEP...
BEEP-BEEP-BEEP
That sound means there is a fire in your home.
You need to get out fast!



Chirp...Chirp
Sometimes a smoke alarm makes a sound like a cricket or a chirping bird. That means the battery is not working well, or the smoke alarm is getting old. You need to put in a new battery or get a new smoke alarm.



Test your smoke alarms every month to make sure they work.

Push the test button. If you hear BEEP-BEEP-BEEP, that means the smoke alarm is working. If you don't hear that sound, put in a new battery or get a new smoke alarm. Smoke alarms do not last forever. Replace your old smoke alarms with new ones every 10 years.

Go on a fire safety patrol in your home.

Use this chart to test the smoke alarms in your home. Ask a grown-up to help. Circle Yes or No for each question. When you finish your patrol, write your names in the spaces provided. Then bring the chart back to class.

Do you have a smoke alarm on each floor or level of your home? **Yes** **No**

Do you have a smoke alarm in or near every bedroom and sleeping area? **Yes** **No**

Do all of your smoke alarms work when you test them? **Yes** **No**

Student _____ **Parent/Caregiver** _____

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Your child is participating in a home fire safety program at school. Thank you for taking the time to reinforce these lessons by testing the smoke alarms in your home. Remember: Smoke alarms do not last forever. Replace your smoke alarms with new ones every 10 years.

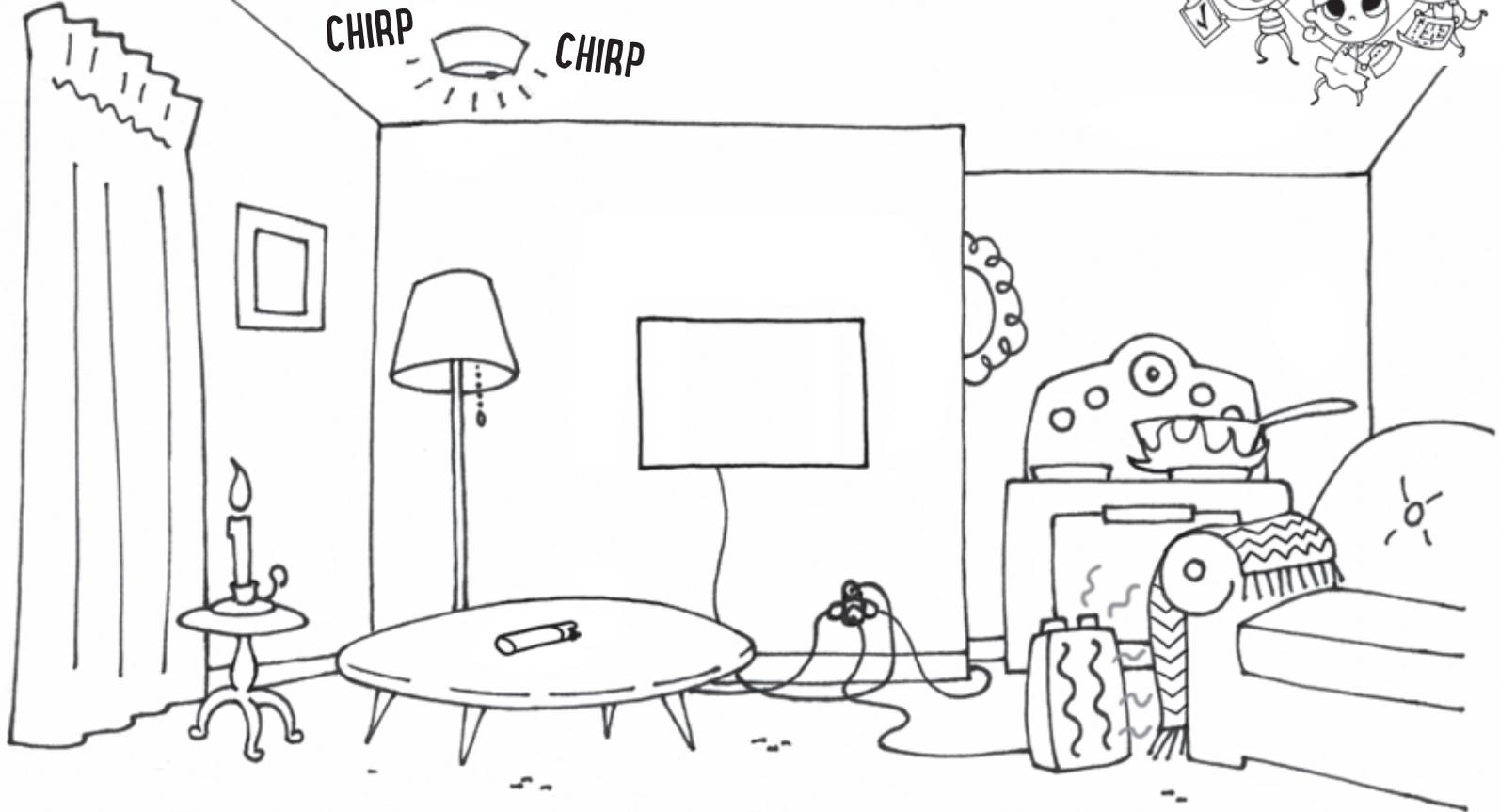


DETECT THE DANGERS

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Part 1: The Home Fire Safety Patrol is always on the lookout for fire dangers. Can you find six fire dangers in this picture? Circle the dangers you find.



Part 2: What should you do if you see these hazards in your home? To find out, use the words below to complete these sentences.

heater candle stove
lighter smoke alarm outlet

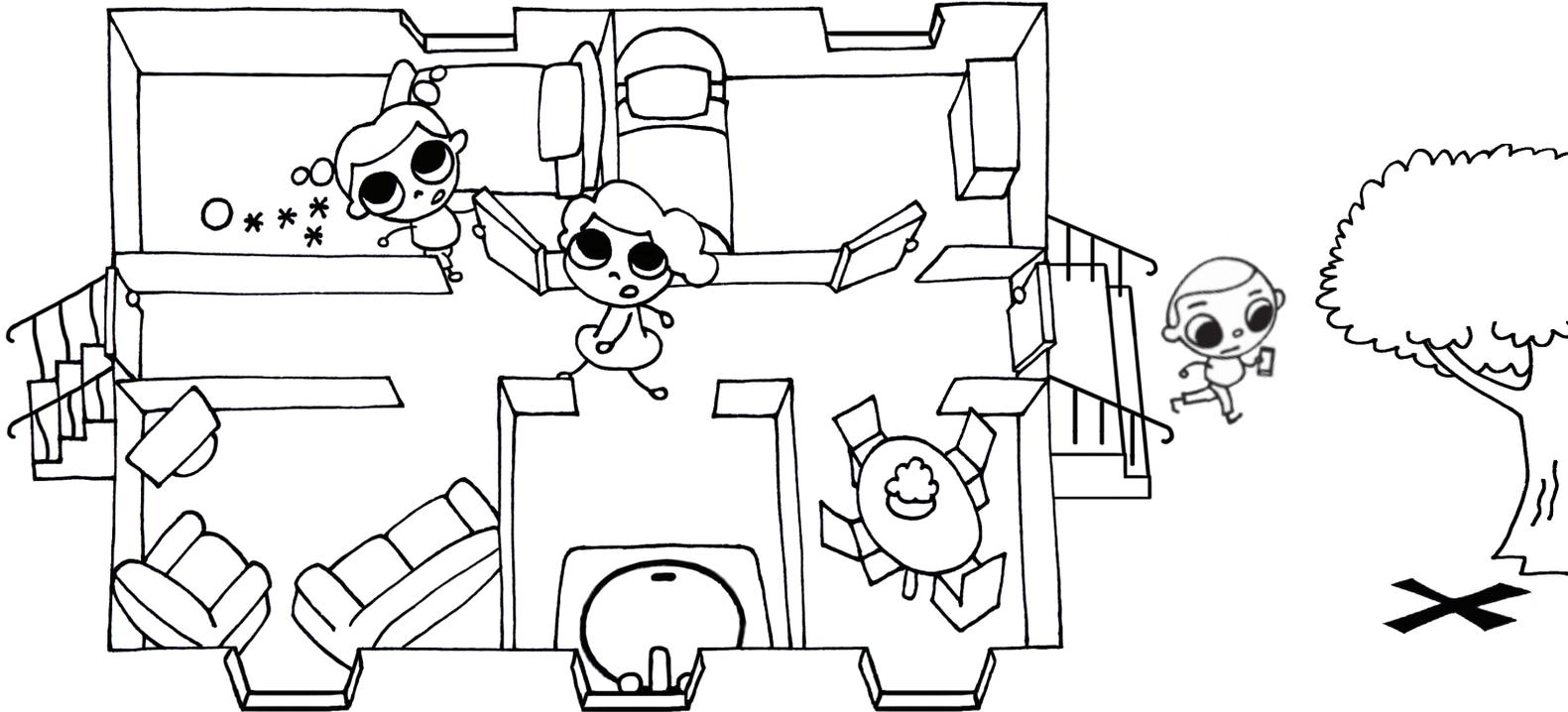
1. When your _____ chirps, it means you need to put in a new battery or get a new smoke alarm. Ask a grown-up to fix it.
2. Keep a lit _____ away from things that can burn. Blow it out when there is no grown-up in the room.
3. Tell a grown-up if you see a _____ or matches. Ask a grown-up to put them in a place with a lock.
4. Too many plugs in the electrical _____ could start a fire. Use only one plug in each wall outlet.
5. Keep an eye on what you fry! A grown-up should always stay nearby when food is cooking on the _____.
6. Ask a grown-up to move a space _____ three big steps away from furniture or cloth. Unplug it when a grown-up is not in the room.

Show this activity to a grown-up. You can use it to check for fire dangers in your home.



YOUR HOME FIRE ESCAPE MAP

Part 1: Help these kids plan how to get out fast if there is a fire in their home. Draw two paths to the outside from every room. Show one path that leads through doorways. Show a second path the kids could take if fire or smoke is blocking a doorway. In some cases, this might be through a window. Then circle the meeting place outside their home where everyone will go to call 9-1-1 and report the fire.



Part 2: Now use the back of this sheet to make a home fire escape plan for your home. Draw a map that shows two paths out of every room. Take your map home and show it to a grown-up. You can use your map for a family fire drill. See if everyone can get outside in less than 3 minutes! Pretend to call 9-1-1 on your cell phone and tell them the street address where you live.

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Many times children do not wake up when a smoke alarm sounds. Make a plan for an adult to wake up each child and help him or her get out if there is a real fire. Practice the plan. Pretend to call 9-1-1 from your meeting place, and give the address where you live.

HOME FIRE ESCAPE RULES

Make sure everyone in your home knows the rules for getting out fast when there is a home fire:

- If you hear a smoke alarm or see smoke, get outside as fast as you can!
- Don't take anything with you.
- **Get Low and Go:** Smoke rises toward the ceiling. If you see smoke, you should stay near the floor. Get low so you don't breathe in the dangerous smoke. Go to your exit.
- Go to your outside meeting place and call 9-1-1. Give them your street address.
- Stay outside — **NEVER** go back into a burning building.

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