



# Fire Safety Scavenger Hunt



In the movie *Firehouse Dog*, Rexx teams up with 12-year-old Shane to solve a mystery about fires in their neighborhood. Rexx, the Firehouse Dog also uses his keen sense of smell, which Shane says, "is 10,000 times more powerful than a human's," to rescue a person.

Be like Rexx, the Firehouse Dog and sniff out the following items from the movie. See which team is the first to either bring back the items or tell where they are located at camp.

**Which ones can help fight a fire?**  
*Brainstorm other items that might cause a fire.*

## Items

- Flashlight
- Ax
- Hose
- Ladder
- Boots
- Fire extinguisher

- American Flag
- Walkie-talkie
- Tomato
- A pair of boy's shorts
- Skateboard
- Dog leash
- Dog collar
- The number 55
- Sunglasses
- Map
- Watch
- Mop
- Couch



- Ice cream
- Battery
- Dog food
- Beef jerky
- Water
- iPod



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# Help Rexx, the Firehouse Dog Spot Danger

**"B**eing a firehouse mascot isn't all just for show," says Shane in the movie *Firehouse Dog*. "It's a real job that requires real skills." Finding fire hazards around camp also takes skill. Walk around the camp with a counselor. As you go from one campfire and barbecue site to another, answer the questions below. For each question you answer "yes," to, give yourself a point. When you're finished, add up the points to find your score.



## Campfire Safety Checklist

Yes No

- Is an adult always nearby at all campfires?
- Is there a shovel and water near all campfires?
- Are campfires at your camp small and contained inside a ring of stones, known as a campfire ring?
- Are campfires located away from litter, grass, dry leaves or other things that could catch fire?
- Are campfires put out with water and are the ashes stirred until they are cold?



## Barbecue Safety Checklist

Yes No

- Are barbecue grills located outside?
- Is the grill at least three feet away from buildings, trees, shrubs or other things that will burn when cooking?
- Are matches and lighters safely put away? Are any loose matches or lighters reported to an adult immediately?
- Is the cook wearing clothing that will not catch fire (e.g. no loose clothing, such as long dangling sleeves or cooking in a towel)?
- Is lighter fluid used properly? (Lighter fluid should be added to a fire BEFORE the fire is lit. Never add fluid to an already lit fire because the flame can flash back up into the container and explode.)
- Do campers know that they should STOP, DROP and ROLL in case a piece of clothing does catch fire?
- Are hot coals disposed of properly – soaked with plenty of water, stirred to make sure that the fire is out and never placed in plastic, wooden or paper containers?



## Fireworks Safety Checklist

The best way to enjoy fireworks is to attend public displays put on by professionals who know how to safely handle fireworks. If you use sparklers during summer celebrations, however, the following checklist can help you have fun and stay safe. Remember: Do not give sparklers to children under 5. They will not understand how to use them safely.

Yes No

- Are sparklers kept in a closed box in a cool dry place?
- Are pets kept away from sparklers?
- Is there a bucket of water and/or a fire extinguisher near sparklers?
- Do you always use sparklers outside?
- Do you always wear gloves when using sparklers?
- Do you always light sparklers one at a time?
- Do you always hold sparklers away from your body and at arm's length?
- Do you avoid waving sparklers near anyone else?
- Do you always stand still when you are holding a sparkler?
- When the sparkler burns out do you dip the spent end into a container of water and then throw it into the trash?



## Scoring

If you answered yes to all 22 questions, congratulations, Shane and Rexx, the Firehouse Dog want you on their team!

If you answered "yes" to 18 to 22 questions, you are close to saving Dogpatch from closing. Just make a few changes and you'll easily save the fire station!

If you answered, "yes" to 11 to 17 questions, you're on the right track, but you've got some work to do to convince the mayor that Dogpatch should not be closed.

If you answered "yes" to fewer than 11 questions you have some serious work to do to save Dogpatch. You need to make many changes around your camp to keep the station open.

For all the questions you answered "no" to, make sure your camp takes the steps needed to make them a "yes" so that Shane, Rexx and Engine Company 55 can stay together.



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# Everyone is a Hero

In the movie *Firehouse Dog*, Shane, his father and Rexx the Firehouse Dog are honored for being heroes. What is a hero? Who is a hero in your life? Why? What has this person done?

Everyone has some hero qualities. Shane's Dad, Connor Fahey praises his son, telling him, "You're so smart, capable and strong." What other qualities do heroes have? Gather in a circle and brainstorm several qualities of a hero. Then choose a partner and name two qualities that make him or her a hero. For example, did your partner work extra hard in the Fire Safety Scavenger Hunt? Did he or she treat an opposing team member with respect?

Color and cut out the medal below. Then attach a string long enough to go around a person's neck to the medal. Hang the medal around your partner's neck. Take turns sharing the hero qualities of each partner with the group.



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