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Dear Elementary School Principal:

The Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) is pleased to announce the 29th Edition of the Fire Fighter's Safety Guide (FFSG). The HFD's FFSG program provides children in public and private elementary schools an opportunity to actively participate in an effective fire safety education program.

The FFSG is a children's workbook with important fire safety messages for children and their families to practice at home. This year's FFSG promotes the 2014 Fire Prevention Week (FPW) theme, "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month!"

In 2013, U.S. fire departments responded to 387,000 residential fires. These fires caused 12,575 civilian injuries, 2,755 civilian deaths, and $6.8 billion in direct damage.

- Almost three of five (60%) reported home fire deaths in 2007 to 2011 resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.
- Working smoke alarms decrease the risk of dying in reported home fires in half.
- When smoke alarms fail to operate, it is usually because batteries are missing, disconnected, or dead.

The FFSG provides important fire safety tips to children and their families that align with the FPW theme:

- Install smoke alarms inside and outside each bedroom and on every level of the home.
- Working smoke alarms give you an early warning so you can escape quickly.
- If you hear a smoke alarm, get out and stay out using your home escape plan.

- If you see or smell smoke or hear a smoke alarm, STAY LOW AND GO! When you stay low to the ground and crawl, you can see and breathe better.

Highlights for this year's program:

1. The FFSGs are scheduled for delivery to your school during the last week of September prior to FPW, which is October 5-11, 2014.

2. An Incentive Coupon Sheet (ICS) is included in the center of every FFSG.

3. Teachers may remove the ICSs from the FFSGs and distribute them to students who complete and return the Junior Fire Fighter Pledge form located on the back of the workbook. It is not necessary to forward signed pledge forms to the HFD.

4. To assist the HFD in gaining more information to better serve the community, we encourage parents to participate in an online fire safety survey, which is located at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/firesafety2014.

Please assist us by:

1. Announcing FPW.

2. Having your school observe FPW during October.

3. Designating a School FFSG Coordinator to be the point of contact between your school and the HFD.

4. Having the School FFSG Coordinator distribute the FFSGs, including a copy of this letter, to all elementary classes and teachers before October 3, 2014. For ease of distribution, electronic copies of this letter and the FFSG can be obtained at https://cms.honolulu.gov/rep/site/hfd/fireandlifesafetyinfo_docs /2014safetyguide.pdf.

5. E-mailing the Community Relations/Education section (CRO) at hfdedcr@honolulu.gov to request additional copies or report a surplus of FFSGs.

6. Encouraging teachers and students to review the lessons within the FFSG.

7. Encouraging students to return the Junior Fire Fighter Pledge form signed by a parent or guardian.

8. Ensuring the School FFSG Coordinator and teachers are aware that the ICS is included in the FFSG and may be retained and used as an incentive towards the completion of the FFSG.

9. Encouraging parents to participate in the above-mentioned online fire safety survey.

The HFD looks forward to your school's participation in this year's FFSG program. Should you have questions or comments, please contact the CRO at 723-7172 or via e-mail.

Sincerely,

MANUEL P. NEVES
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Fire Prevention Week – October 5–11, 2014

FIRE FIGHTER'S safety guide

Fun
Activities

Cool
Coupons

Learn
Fire Safety

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MESSAGE FROM THE HAWAII STATE FIRE COUNCIL (SFC)

Aloha! The SFC is pleased to announce the 29th edition of the Fire Fighter's Safety Guide (FFSG).

This year's FFSG promotes the 2014 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives. Test Yours Every Month!" According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), 60% of reported home fire deaths from 2007 to 2011 resulted in homes with no smoke alarms or working smoke alarms. Working smoke alarms decrease the risk of dying in half. More than one-third (37%) of all home fire deaths resulted in homes with no smoke alarms, while almost one-quarter (23%) resulted in homes in which smoke alarms were inoperable.

The FFSG is distributed to elementary school students statewide through a collaboration of Hawaii's four county fire departments. This effort is unique to Hawaii and contributes toward our state having among the lowest rates of fire deaths and injuries in the nation.

The FFSG was designed with the whole family in mind, and we encourage you to help your child complete the activities and lessons as a family. This will help your family prepare for emergencies through prevention and planning. Please have your child return the completed booklet to his/her teacher to receive valuable coupons.

Mahalo for your participation!

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PARENT'S PAGE

Safety Tips for your Home and Family

SMOKE ALARMS

- Install smoke alarms inside and outside each bedroom and on every level of the home.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to ensure the alarm is working.
- Use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds, they will all sound.
- Replace smoke alarms when they are **ten years old**.

ELECTRICAL SAFETY

- Have all electrical work done by a qualified electrician.
- Plug only one heat-producing appliance, such as a coffee maker, toaster, etc., into an outlet at a time.
- Extension cords are only intended for temporary use. Add more outlets to avoid using extension cords as permanent wiring.

KITCHEN SAFETY

- Cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and injuries.
- Have a "kid-free zone" of **at least three feet** around the stove.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are cooking. If you leave the kitchen, turn off the stove.
- Keep items, such as oven mitts, wooden utensils, towels, etc., away from the stovetop, as they can catch on fire.
- Keep a lid nearby to smother small grease fires. Smother the fire by sliding the lid over the pan.
- For an oven fire, turn off the stove and keep the door closed.

HOME FIRE SPRINKLERS

- Home fire sprinklers respond quickly and effectively to fire, often extinguishing the fire before the fire department arrives. Only the sprinkler closest to the fire will activate, spraying water on the fire.
- If a fire occurs, the risk of dying decreases by about 80% when the home has a fire sprinkler system.
- When building a new home or remodeling, consider installing a home fire sprinkler system.

For more Fire Safety Tips, visit the NFPA website at www.nfpa.org/education

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WORKING SMOKE ALARMS

When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you an early warning so you can escape quickly. If you hear a smoke alarm, get out and stay out using your home escape plan.

The smoke alarm has sounded. Find your way out of the maze!

WHAT'S THAT SOUND?

If you hear a **single beep or chirping sound** coming from a smoke alarm, tell your parents. That sound means that the battery must be changed.

SAVE LIVES

STAY LOW & GO

If you see or smell smoke or hear a smoke alarm, **STAY LOW AND GO!!** When you stay low to the ground and crawl, you can see AND breathe better.

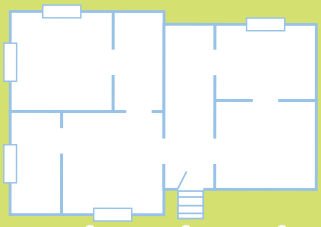
SEARCH THE SMOKE

How many smoke clouds do you count above?
Find the smoke cloud that doesn't have a match and draw its twin below.

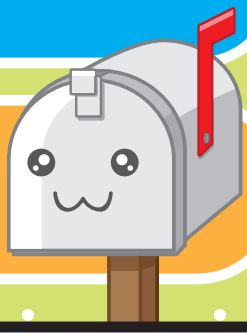
Have your parents test your smoke alarm and listen to the sound it makes. It should be loud enough to hear, even from another room. Remember that sound because it means there is **smoke and maybe fire!**

Make a HOME ESCAPE PLAN

Use the space below to draw a map of your home showing all doors and windows. Use arrows to show your escape routes. Show at least two ways out of every room, if possible.



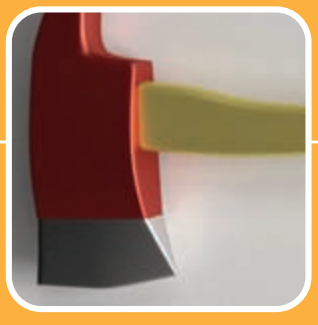
Choose an **outside meeting place** (like a tree, light pole, or mailbox) a safe distance from your home where everyone can meet.



Practice your home fire drill during the day AND night with everyone in your home. Make an escape plan for a friend or family member (like a grandparent) who doesn't have an escape plan for their home.

FIRE FIGHTERS ARE YOUR FRIENDS

Pictured below are items that fire fighters use to fight fires and protect themselves. Unscramble the letters to identify each piece of equipment. Use the **red** letters to reveal the secret word below.



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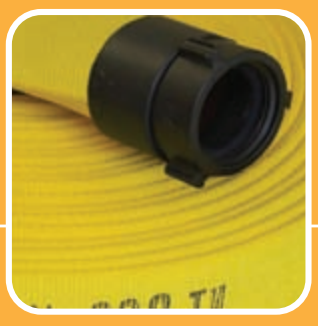

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DRIAO

Fire fighters may seem a little bit scary when they have their equipment on, but they are there to help you. If you see a fire fighter in your house, don't be afraid. Go to them and they will keep you safe.

The secret word is something that fire fighters use to put out fires.

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Fire fighters **don't only fight fires**. Can you think of other things that fire fighters do? Identifly other emergency personnel that work with fire fighters to help keep our community safe.

DON'T STALL, CALL 911

When there is an emergency, **DON'T STALL, CALL 911** and give the operator your information. If there is a fire in your house, **DO NOT** call from your home. Get out and stay out! Go to your family's safe meeting place.

911 SUDOKU

Every row, column, and colored box must contain the numbers **9-1-1.**

9			
1			
			1

Are you a Sudoku Master? Try this next puzzle. Every row, column, and colored box must contain the numbers **1 through 6.**

		4	3		
5					1
4	3			6	2
2	1			4	3
6					4
		2	6		

Write down your emergency information and put it somewhere easy to find like on the refrigerator. Practice remembering important information like your **full name** and **home address**.

If your **CLOTHES** catch on fire, **STOP** where you are. **DROP** to the **GROUND** and **COVER** your **EYES** and **MOUTH** with your **HANDS**. **ROLL** over and over and back and forth until the **FLAMES** are out.

S	L	H	B	D	S	A	C	S	A
E	E	L	A	T	G	N	B	E	W
M	A	H	O	N	Y	B	J	Y	H
A	W	P	T	R	D	D	J	E	M
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Q	F	R	C	O	V	E	R	J	H
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X	J	U	C	M	S	S	T	Q	G

Find the WHITE highlighted words above in the word search. Be sure to check backwards and diagonally!

WORD JUMBLE

Unscramble the letters to find items you should never play with because they can hurt you and cause fires. When you are done, arrange the circled letters to find the **secret word** below.

SECRET WORD F _ _ _ _ _

W F S R K I E O R
F _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

T L G R I E H
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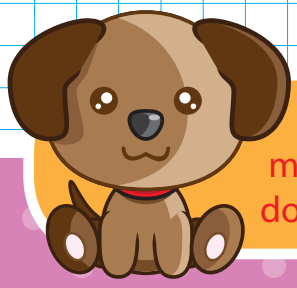
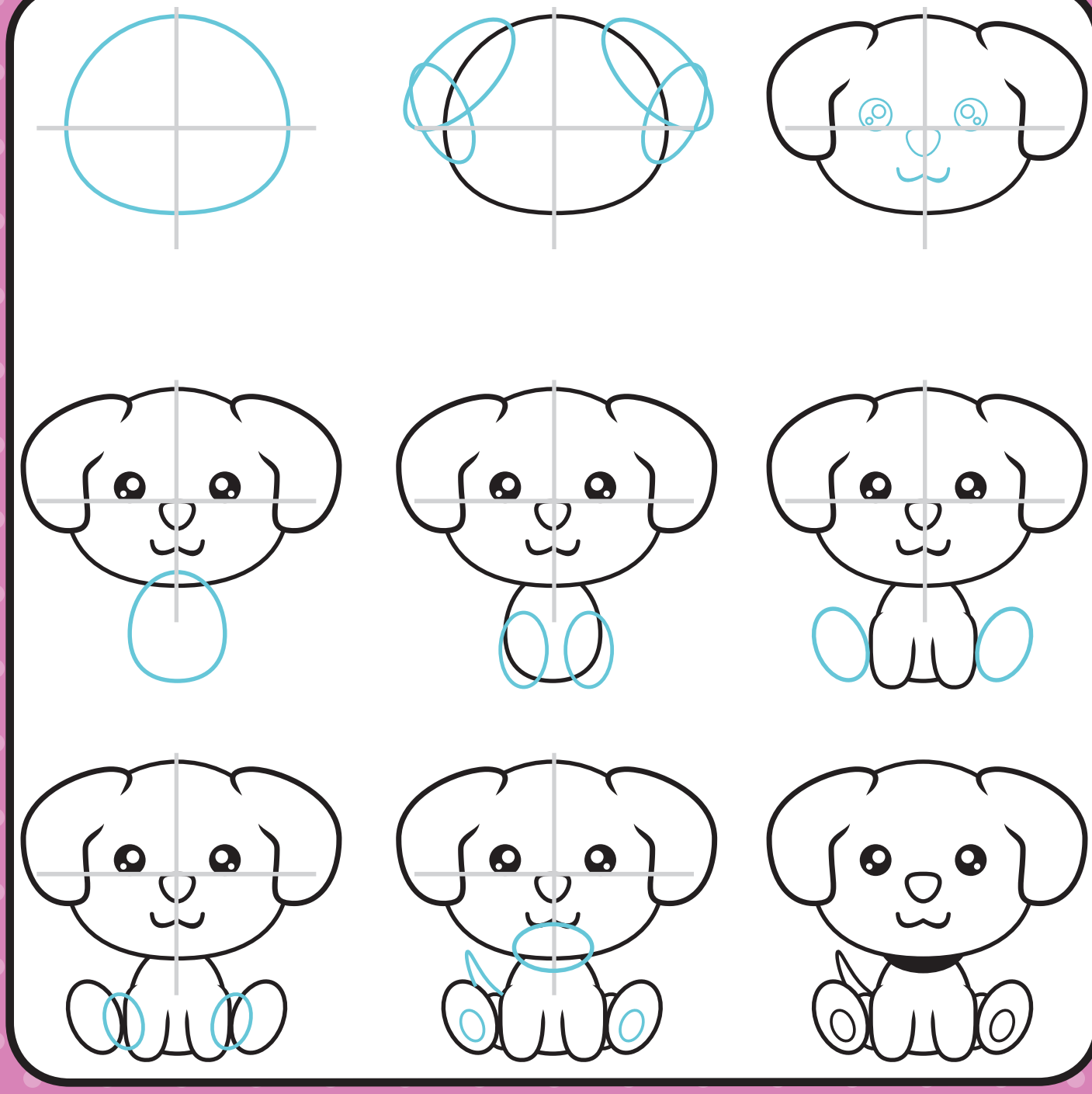
Fire needs three things to burn: **Fuel, Heat, and Oxygen**. When you stop, drop, and roll to smother a fire, which one of these things do you take away?

Draw Kawaii Style



This year's safety guide design was inspired by the style of ***kawaii***, which means "cute" in Japanese. Follow the steps below to draw a *kawaii*-style dog. When you are done, draw other things in the style of *kawaii!*



TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

CIRCLE THE CORRECT ANSWER

1. **A good place to have a family meeting place is:**
   a. A tree.
   b. A light pole.
   c. A mailbox.
   d. All of the above.

2. **It is okay to play with:**
   a. Toys.
   b. Matches.
   c. Lighters.
   d. Candles.

3. **If you hear a smoke alarm, you should:**
   a. Try to find it.
   b. Turn it off.
   c. Get out and stay out.
   d. Hide.

4. **This year's fire safety message is:**
   a. Smoke Alarms Are Loud.
   b. Fire Trucks Are Cool.
   c. Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives. Test Yours Every Month!
   d. Fire Is Hot.

5. **To protect themselves in fires, fire fighters wear:**
   a. Gloves.
   b. Helmets.
   c. Boots.
   d. All of the above.

6. **You should share and review this safety guide with:**
   a. Your parents.
   b. Your siblings.
   c. Your teacher.
   d. All of the above.

7. **In case of an emergency, make sure to remember your:**
   a. Favorite color.
   b. Both C and D.
   c. Full address.
   d. Full name.

8. **The word *kawaii* is Japanese for:**
   a. Big.
   b. Cute.
   c. Cold.
   d. Fun.

Answers: d, a, c, d, d, b, b

Good job on the fire safety quiz! Want to learn more? Go to **www.sparky.org** for fire safety games and activities.

JUNIOR FIRE FIGHTER PLEDGE

I, _____(Print Name), will do my best to be a responsible Junior Fire Fighter and practice what I learned in this Fire Fighter's Safety Guide with my family.

_____

Junior Fire Fighter's Signature

PARENT CHECKLIST

- ☐ I reviewed this Fire Fighter's Safety Guide with my child.
- ☐ We completed all activities in the guide as a family.
- ☐ I completed the online survey. https://surveymonkey.com/s/firesafety2014

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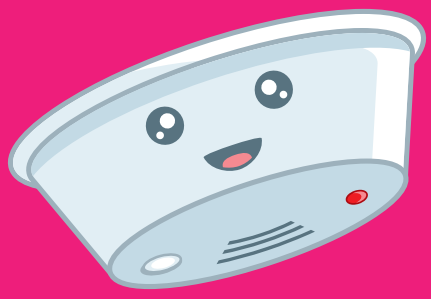
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