



# Teacher Materials: FIRE SAFETY

## Escape Ladders

Install a fire escape ladder in every upper floor bedroom. Remember every room needs two exits, if the window is an exit you need a way down.

**FIRE ESCAPE LADDERS ARE NOT A TOY, ONLY PRACTICE WITH THE HELP OF A GROWN-UP AND USE IN A TRUE EMERGENCY**

## Smoke Alarms

Install smoke alarms in each sleeping room, in hallways close to bedrooms, at the top of stairs and on each level of home. Test smoke alarms regularly and change batteries twice a year.

Do not install smoke alarms near vents or within six inches of where walls and ceilings meet. If installed in these locations, your smoke alarm may not receive the smoke flow required to activate the alarm.

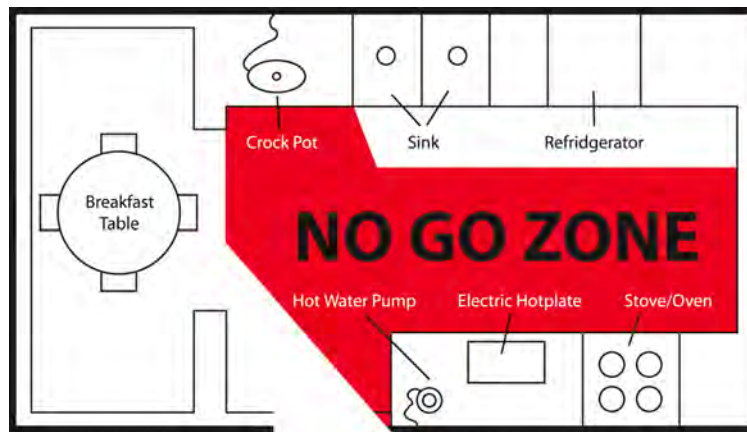
## Fire Extinguishers

Install a fire extinguisher on each level of home especially near the kitchen. Remember P.A.S.S! To use a fire extinguisher Pull the pin, Aim low at base of fire, Squeeze the handle, and Sweep from side to side at the base until the fire is out.

## Escape Plans

- Develop a fire escape plan
- Include two exits from each room
- Teach children not to hide. If trapped, fire fighters have a harder time finding hiding children. If a child sees a fire fighter hug them to make sure that they see you.
- When escaping stay low (smoke rises)
- Cover mouth and nose with clothing to aid breathing
- Place hand on closed doors –if hot do not open and use another escape route
- Plan a meeting place outside the home
- Practice the plan with all household members

## Kitchen Safety



Designate a kitchen “NO GO ZONE” for children. Never let children enter the NO GO ZONE especially when not supervised by an adult. Include ovens, stoves and heat containing appliances in the NO GO ZONE (it may be necessary to have more than one NO GO ZONE).

### **NEVER HOLD A CHILD WHILE HANDLING HOT FOOD/ WATER**

## Appliances

Set appliances back on counter, out of children's reach & do not overload outlets. Hot water urns and cholent/ slow cookers can tip over easily causing scald and burn injuries. Appliances containing hot water and food should be kept in the NO GO ZONE.

## Blechs and Stoves

Position Blech in a way that heat can escape from all sides without heating walls, cabinets or counters. Teach children that Blechs become very hot. Always keep pot handles turned inward and include stoves in the kitchen NO GO ZONE.

## Candles

- Keep out of children's & pets reach
- Do not place candles near or on anything flammable
- Do not place candles under a cabinet
- Do not place candle near windows where they can blow over or ignite curtains
- When lighting keep hands, hair and sleeves away from the flame

## Searching for Chometz

- Keep candle away from all flammable objects (curtains, sofas, tablecloths, etc.)
- Do not place used candle in paper bag with chometz
- Supervise children at all times

## Burning Chometz

- Once fire is lit, do not add any fire enhancing agents (gas, lighter fluid, etc.)
- Keep fire away from structures, cars, trees & wires
- Supervise children at all times

## Succah Safety

- Only use extension cords that are in excellent physical condition
- Do not place lights near or against schach
- Do not light candles in an area subject to wind that can blow candles over
- Do not light candles where children or pets can reach and potentially knock over.
- Use caution when carrying hot food out to the Succah

## Lag B'Omer Bonfires

- Once fire is lit, do not add any fire enhancing agents (gas, lighter fluid, etc.)
- Keep fire away from structures, cars, trees & wires
- Supervise children at all times
- Establish a NO GO ZONE around fire

## Other Fire and Burn Safety Prevention Tips

- Never carry hot food while holding a child
- Keep pot handles turned away from stove front
- Never store treats above or near stove
- Keep matches away from children
- Keep appliance cords away from counter edge
- Place hot foods/ pots in the table center, especially when using a table cloth, place hot foods/pots far from the edge where they could be pulled over and cause scald and burn injuries.
- Use microwave ovens with caution. Food may become much hotter than container and may not heat evenly. Gently shake baby bottles before testing temperature.
- Never place any object over a light fixture
- Do not overload timers or outlets
- Use light bulb of appropriate wattage
- Do not run power cords under rugs
- Use outlet covers when not in use
- Keep heat producing appliances away from cabinets
- Never smoke in bed
- Only use safety approved modern space heaters
- Never place space heater on rug or near flammable objects
- Set hot water thermostat to 120 F
- Test bath water before you or children get in
- Keep fire places covered with protective screen

**IF YOUR CLOTHING CATCHES FIRE: REMEMBER TO GET OUT OF THE AREA AND**

**STOP, DROP AND ROLL.**

**RUNNING WILL FUEL THE FIRE AND MAKE THINGS WORSE.**

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