## THE CHOICE IS YOURS



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## FIRE IS FAST, FIRE IS HOT AND DARK, AND FIRE IS DANGEROUS!

The best way to control a fire is never to start one. Preventing fires is always easier than putting them out.

### PURPOSE:

- 1
- Create an understanding of the dangers of fire and increase knowledge of fire safety.
- 2

Enhance the understanding of the impact of our actions and increase empathy and self-awareness to promote smart choices with fire.



## THE RECIPE FOR FIRE

WHAT IS FIRE?

Fire is a chain reaction needing three ingredients:

#### **OXYGEN**

This is in the air around us

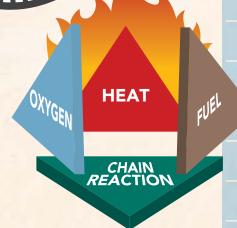
#### HFAT

This could be a match, lighter, heater, fireworks and more

#### FUFL

This is like food for the fire and includes things like wood, plastic, clothing, or furniture.

# ONCE THIS CHAIN REACTION HAS OCCURRED, FIRE CAN BECOME DESTRUCTIVE, DANGEROUS, AND DIFFICULT TO CONTROL.



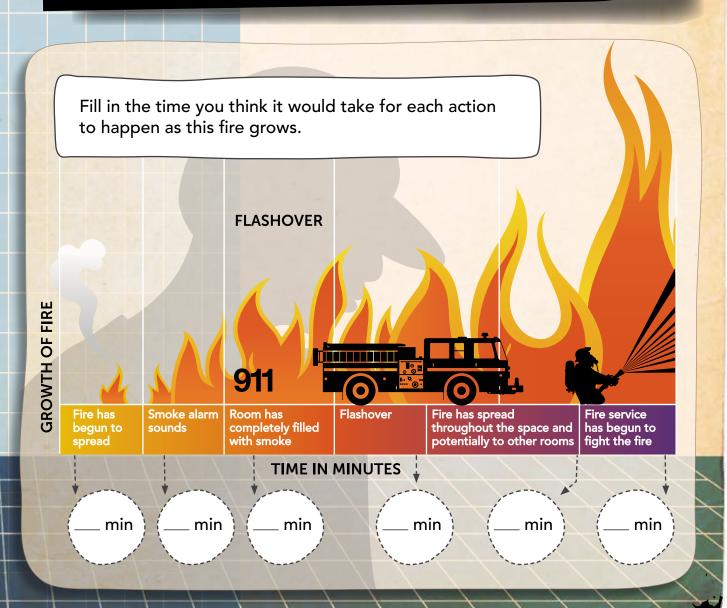
What happens to the fire if you remove one side of the tetrahedron?

How do firefighters reduce heat when fighting fires?



## FOW FAST DOES FIRE SPREAD?

# ALL FIRES START SMALL. IN JUST A FEW MINUTES, THEY CAN GROW INTO BIG FIRES.





# ACTION:

### THERE ARE A LOT OF OPPORTUNITIES TO BE SMART ABOUT FIRE.

Examine each image on this page. In the spaces provided write one thing you should do and one thing you should not do as it relates to the image.



Don't:

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# FIRE IS DESTRUCTIVE

A small fire can get out of control in just a few seconds. Within minutes, a whole house can be destroyed.





What are 4 necessities in your home that you would not want to lose or have damaged in a fire?

1 Example: Clothes
2 \_\_\_\_\_\_
3 \_\_\_\_\_

What are 4 items in your home that you think hold a great deal of value or would be expensive to replace?

What are 4 things in your home that are most meaningful to you, that you would not want to lose or have damaged in the event of a fire?

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# HOLLY WOOD VS REAL LIFE

### HOLLYWOOD



### REAL LIFE



- Lots of flames
- The room is bright
- Firefighters move easily throughout the space
- Able to walk upright
- Gear protects firefighters completely from the heat
- Fire spreads slowly, allowing time to gather belongings

- It is dark
- Lots of smoke
- Hard to see
- It is very hot
- Poisonous gasses
- Need to crawl low out of the smoke
- It is so hot that firefighters cannot stay inside for very long
- Fire spreads very quickly

IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO BE PREPARED AND GET OUT QUICKLY!



### ESCAPE PLANNING

### ESCAPE PLAN CHALLENGE!

Picture yourself in some of your favorite locations. Plan 2 ways out of each location.

Where you sleep:

1st way out:

2nd way out:

Your favorite place to eat:

1st way out:

2nd way out:

Your living room:

1st way out:

2nd way out:

Choose a place you like to hang out often:

1st way out:

2nd way out:

Does everyone in your household know how to get out if there is a fire? Yes No

#### PRACTICE PRACTICE

Remember to show younger children in your household how to escape safely. Practice your escape plan in the dark or with a blindfold on.

Your family meeting place is .



# CHOICES AND CONSEQUENCES

MAKING BETTER CHOICES . . .

### START HERE:

Imagine you could go back to the day you set the fire. Start in the center of the circle and describe the situation you were in before you started the fire. Complete each step in the decision making wheel.

#### ASSESS THE OUTCOME

What were the consequences, both positive and negative, of your choice?



**SITUATION** 

Where were you?

Who were you with?

What were you doing?

#### CHOICES

On the lines provided, describe 2 new choices that you could have made.

#### **DECISIONS**

What have you decided to do and what will your actions be?



I was at my

friends house and

found a lighter...

#### **CONSEQUENCES**

With each choice in step 2, describe what the possible consequences might be.

#### WHO CAN HELP

Who might be a good resource for help? Is there someone who should know about your situation? Also, who can you trust to support your decision?



#### 4

List positive characteristics that are important to you.

**VALUES** 

#### MORE INFORMATION

What else might be happening around you? Is there anything else you should think about before making a decision?



#### **FEELINGS**

Think about how you were feeling in that moment.



## FREHAS CONSEQUENCES

FIRE AFFECTS LOTS OF PEOPLE IN LOTS OF DIFFERENT WAYS

Imagine your local school burned down. Describe how all of these people could be affected.



**CUSTODIAN** 



TEACHERS



NEIGHBORS





STUDENTS







FIREFIGHTERS





# FIRE COSTS REAL MONEY

1 Imagine you saved up \$400.

CIRCLE BELOW WHAT YOU WOULD SPEND YOUR MONEY ON...













2

But you recently lit a fire in a trash can in the school restroom. Now you have to pay for the damages.









After the damages are paid for, how much money do you have left?





# COST TO THE COMMUNITY

### FIRE CAN HAVE A BIG IMPACT ON A COMMUNITY

Where did your fire happen?

Who found out about it?

Did anyone else get hurt?

What was damaged?

Did the fire department come? Police?

Who might be the victim(s) or those most impacted by your fire?

CIRCLE THE ITEMS BELOW THAT RELATE TO YOUR FIRE...

- \$100
  - = Fire Engine
- \$45
  - = Ambulance
  - \$70
  - = Water Tender
- \$35
  - = Police

- \$50
  - = Counselor/Therapist
- \$25
  - = Juvenile Counselor
- \$250
  - = Attorney
- \$20 /hour
  - = Fire Fighter

- \$50
  - = Property Damage
- \$50
  - = Income loss to victim
  - \$50
  - = Income loss to parents
- \$50
  - = Medical Expenses

How much money did your choice cost the community?



### NOWIT'S UP TO YOU!

## WHAT WOULD YOU DO IN THIS SITUATION?

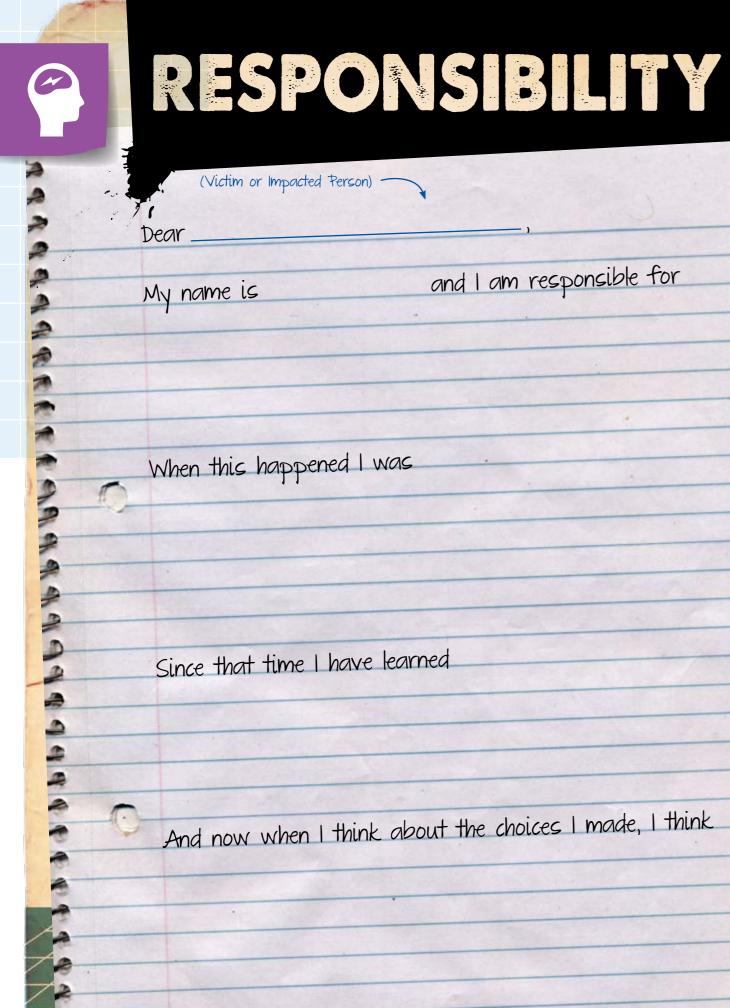
Write underneath each situation what choice you would make.

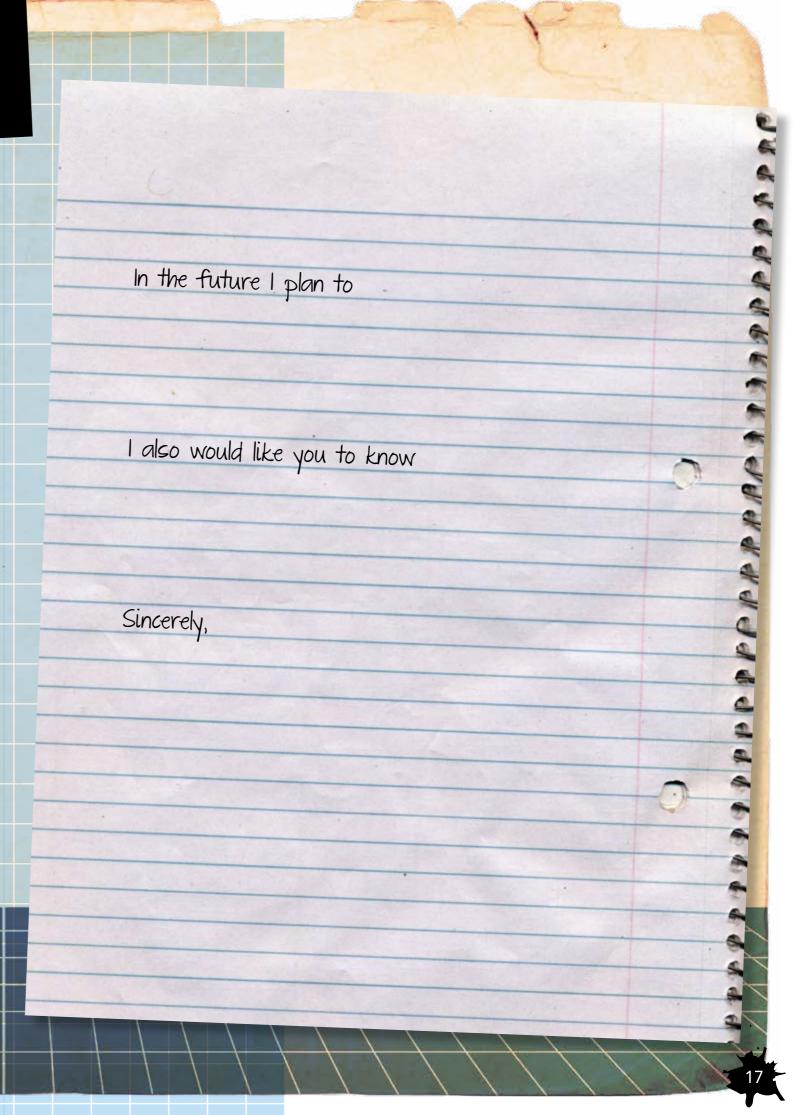
You have a friend over for the afternoon. While hanging out in the back yard, they tell you to go into the house and get a lighter so you can burn leaves...

You see a boy playing with a lighter on your street...

A friend who likes to start fires wants to hang out with you...

You walk into the restroom at school and see a student lighting paper towels on fire near the sink...





### GRATUL

You now have more awareness of fire and the impact it can have in your life and to those around you!



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