

Fire Prevention & Fire Safety

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<Name here> lives in <State here>, which is right next to Pennsylvania. She was six -- and maybe in Kindergarten or first grade -- when she helped save her mom, dad, and little brother.

It was the middle of the night, and <Name here> and her family were sleeping when a fire started in the kitchen. She heard the smoke alarm, woke up, and told her family right away. Their house burned down, and <Name here> lost most of her stuff -- her toys, her backpack, her clothes. Everything.

But she's alive today -- and so is her family -- so she was able to get new clothes and toys and school supplies.

<Name here's> dad is a firefighter, but you don't need a firefighter in your family to be prepared.

That's the key:

Be prepared.

<Name here> was asleep when the fire started, so she couldn't see any smoke or fire yet. She was upstairs asleep, so she didn't feel or smell any smoke or fire yet.

So how did <Name here> first know about the fire?

- A) Her dad is a firefighter
- B) Text message
- C) Smoke alarm
- D) Youtube or TikTok

If you chose C), then yourrrrr correct!

Have a smoke detector with new batteries on every floor of your house or apartment building, even the basement and attic. And always have one in the kitchen and another one where everyone can hear it if they're asleep.

Don't have one? Save this number:

717-XXX-XXXX

It's the phone number for the Harrisburg fire department when you don't have an emergency.

And save this number:

866-XXX-XXX

It's the Red Cross in Harrisburg.

Do you live somewhere else in Harrisburg, like Pennbrook? Susquehanna Township? Lower Paxton Township? Paxton Township? Or Swatara Township? Maybe you live across the river. Ask your teacher, parents, guardians, or principal if you

live in the City of Harrisburg or a township in Harrisburg. They can help you search the internet for your local fire department or Red Cross.

Quiz time. Take your best guess.

If there's smoke or fire, how long should it take you to get out of your house or apartment?

- A) 5 minutes
- B) 2 minutes
- C) 30 seconds

It should take only two minutes for you and your family to get out the house or apartment. Remember at least two ways to get out, and practice every school term.

Fire gets hotter and hotter the higher it goes, so stay low when you leave. There might be a fire on the other side of the door, so test the temperature of the door with the back of your hand, never the front. And open the door, the window, where you're escaping through slowly. The oxygen in the air or the wind or the breeze makes smoke and fire bigger and faster.

Practice by yourself. Practice with your family.

Be prepared.

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