



EVERYDAY KIDS. EVERYDAY HEROES.

Teach your children about fire safety.

JUNIOR FIRE MARSHAL® PROGRAM | FAMILY FIRE SAFETY GUIDE

The Buck's Got Your Back®



What is the Junior Fire Marshal® Program?



A life-saving fire prevention and safety education program—turning millions of everyday kids into everyday heroes.



Fire Safety Checklist for Your Home



Here's a fun – and very important – activity you can do with your whole family. By completing this checklist, you can find out if your home has dangers that could cause a fire.

Directions:

1. Look closely at each item on this checklist. Fill in the blanks.
2. If you can say "yes" to each statement, put a check mark in the box. If the answer is "no," take action to correct it.
3. Complete the whole checklist and write the date you completed it.
4. Put the completed checklist where you can see it, like the refrigerator.

Complete this checklist each year to help keep your family safe from fire.

Date completed: ____/____/____

Smoke alarms

We have ____ smoke alarms in our home.

The last time we replaced the battery in our smoke alarm was ____/____/. *Batteries should be tested annually.*

We test our smoke alarms monthly.

We NEVER remove the batteries from the smoke alarms to use in toys or anything else.

Escape plan

We have a home escape plan. Our plan includes two ways out of every room.

Our family has a special place to meet in front of the home if there is a fire.

Our family practices our escape plan ____ times a year.

Electrical

All electrical cords in my home are in good condition. We replace frayed or damaged wires.

We have no electrical cords underneath carpets, rugs or furniture.

We have no more than one electrical item for each outlet.

All fuses being used are the proper rating.

We never leave tablets charging under a pillow or overnight, and we only keep electronics plugged in to charge during the day when people are home.

Clear Exits

All room exits are clear, including windows.

Flammables

We place garbage, such as old newspapers or boxes, far away from heat-producing equipment, such as furnaces.

We keep space heaters at least 3 feet away from walls and other items, such as drapes, furniture and papers that might catch fire.

We keep children away from the stove.

We keep flammable items such as potholders, curtains and towels away from the stove.

We guard open flames. The fireplace has a screen, and candles have sturdy holders.

We keep matches and lighters away from small children.

We keep the hot water heater temperature at 120 degrees Fahrenheit or below to avoid burns.

Fire Extinguisher

We have a fire extinguisher, and the adults in the home know how to use it.

Fireplace

We have a professional inspect and clean our fireplaces every year. Each fireplace has a metal fire screen or heat-tempered glass doors.

Teaching Fire Safety



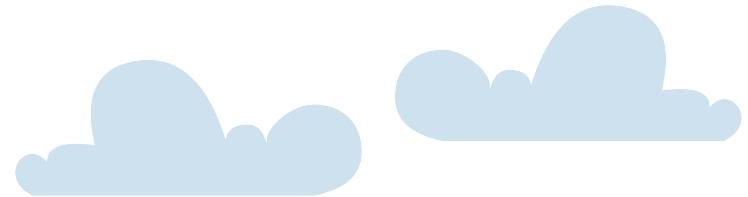
As a parent, you play an important role in your child's fire safety education. This guide will introduce you to The Hartford's Junior Fire Marshal program.

Tips for teaching fire safety:

- Download or print the Fire Safety Checklist and schedule time to sit with your family to discuss it.
- Discuss the four core fire safety lessons on the next page.
- Visit our website, juniorfiremarshal.com/for-parents to view and download the activity sheets for each lesson.
- Once you have completed the lessons, print out the Junior Fire Marshal [Certificate of Completion](#).

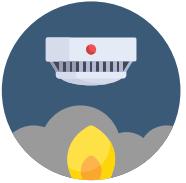


Four Junior Fire Marshal Safety Lessons



Matches and Lighters Are for Grown-Ups

Children as young as two have been reported to have started fires with matches and lighters. Teach your child from a young age that if they see matches or lighters they should not touch them, but tell a grown-up about them and where they are. [Complete this lesson online.](#)



Smoke Alarms Are Important

There should be a minimum of one working smoke alarm on every floor. According to the National Fire Protection Association, almost three of every five home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms. Your child should know what the smoke alarm sounds like and what to do when they hear one. [Complete this lesson online.](#)



Create and Practice Your Escape Plan

Everyone in your home should help create an escape plan and practice it regularly. Walk through your home and inspect all possible exits to identify two ways out of every room. Remind everyone to go low, go under smoke, and get out fast. [Complete this lesson online.](#)



Establish Your Outside Meeting Place

Choose an outside meeting place a safe distance from your home, i.e., neighbor's house, a light post, mailbox, or stop sign. Make sure to mark the location on your escape plan, telling everyone to meet there after they've escaped. Teach your child to never go back inside a home that's on fire.

[Complete this lesson online.](#)



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Teach your kids to be fire-safe. Visit [juniorfiremarshal.com](https://www.juniorfiremarshal.com) for free, online fire safety lessons and fun activities.

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