



**NEVER
GIVE FIRE A
CHANCE!**



A primary school programme brought
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Hi!

I'm Rua the Firehound, I work in the **National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management** (NDFEM). We help the very brave firefighters across the country to keep you and your families safe!

I have been visiting primary schools since the 1980's, ask your parents or guardians and maybe they will remember me visiting their school when they were younger.

My job is to help you understand why fire safety in your home is so important and to keep you fire safe wherever you go!

Knowing about fire safety keeps your family and friends safe.

Inside you will find fire safety advice and have some fun along the way.

At the end you can complete my quiz and become a certified member of my Fire Safety Team!

Lets begin and all learn how to
Never Give Fire a Chance!

WOOF WOOF!!



MEET CHANEL

Hi, my name is Chanel. I've been a Fire Officer with Kildare Fire Service since 2001. I'm an Engineer and I am the Head of the Fire Safety Section. I am a Senior Assistant Chief Fire Officer. My job includes technical assessments of buildings, before and after they are built, to ensure that the buildings are safe for the people that use them. My work also makes sure that if a building does go on fire, that the fire fighters can safely deal with that fire as quickly as possible.

I also lead the Community Fire Safety programme for County Kildare, which includes the delivery of the Primary Schools programme, fire safety talks, public information on fire safety etc. I assist members of the public with queries they may have, and I've done radio, TV and newspaper interviews to promote fire safety.

Why Chanel loves her job:

I love my job because no two days are the same. My work allows me to interact with members of the community, whether through the engineering side or the community fire safety side of my work. I like to feel that a building or a person is in a safer position after we have become involved.

Cool things Chanel has done:

I was involved in the 'Amber Thursday' National Fire, Road and Water Safety initiative, which won a Silver Award the All-Ireland Community & Council Awards in 2021. I was the only girl in my school that did engineering for the Leaving Certificate, and I won an award for the best final year project in my engineering degree, which I got at university in Edinburgh, Scotland.



Why I became a Fire Officer:

I became a Fire Officer because I liked the variety the job offers. It's not always engineering and technical! I get to meet lots of different people and share my knowledge with them. I work with a great team, and we try to make our County safer by the work we do.

About Chanel outside of work:

I like to go on long walks with my dog Sidney and keep strong with Pilates classes. I sing in my local community choir. I'm married and have two daughters. I like to watch my girls compete in athletics, Gaelic football and camogie with our local clubs.

Fun fact:

I did a skydive from 15,000 feet over the Great Barrier Reef in Australia.

Safety Tip from Chanel:

Become the 'Smoke Alarm Tester' for your family!

Make this part of your weekly jobs in your home and don't forget to include other family members.

MEET DOMNICK

Domnick has over 27 years of service in the Fire Brigade. He makes sure that the fire engine is ready for all different emergencies. He also make sure that the crews have their clothing ready for calls. He arranges community visits to schools, and crèches to explain about fire safety to the children. Sometimes the schools visit the fire station too.

Why Domnick loves his job:

Domnick likes dealing with emergencies to help people. He likes to meet and help people of all ages with the different emergencies. He likes dealing with different types of emergencies from animal rescue, to people locked out of their homes, to rescuing people from fires in their homes. He likes managing the safety of people.

Cool things Domnick has done:

One of the things Fire fighters help with is cutting up cars to help people get out safely. Rescuing people from rivers, passing on the skills that he has learned and teaching other firefighters how to use equipment are things he has done. Also making sure elderly people in the community are safe by checking their smoke alarms and giving them advice on fire safety.

Why I became a Fire Fighter:

To work in a team together, to help people, to learn lots of new skills, to meet new people every day. Every day is a different challenge and it's great to work with other Fire Fighters and learn from them. It's a good feeling to take responsibility for the fire engine when driving it.

About Domnick outside of work:

Domnick likes fishing, reading, biking, hiking and kayaking.

Fun fact:

Domnick was in the military for almost 8 years before joining the fire brigade. He has 2 black belts in different martial arts.

Safety tip from Domnick:

Never leave your phone or tablet or IPAD on charge on your bed.

Don't charge your e-bike or e-scooter indoors if possible.



MEET LIZ

Liz is a brave firefighter and paramedic who helps keep our community safe for over 20 years! She makes sure she is ready to jump onto the fire engine as soon as the bells ring. She fights fires, rescues people, and teaches us how to stay safe. She goes to schools to tell all the children how to stay safe at home. She knows how to use special tools and makes sure to be ready to help people in danger.

Why Liz loves her job:

Liz loves her job because she likes helping people and keeping people safe in fires or road traffic accidents. She also loves meeting all the children and learning things from them like their fire escape plan at home and how they will help smaller siblings and make sure their pets are safe. She likes to help people and that makes her happy.

Cool things Liz has done:

Liz won the Silveraxe when she passed out as a Recruit Firefighter (The silveraxe is the award for the best recruit in the class). She was very proud to win this award. Liz rescued a horse from a canal, and it was very rewarding. The horse was very scared and cold and she had to use a special piece of equipment to get her out. Liz was very happy she saved her, and the horse was reunited with her foal.



Why I became a Firefighter:

I became a Firefighter because I wanted to help people. I used to think only boys could be Firefighters but then I saw a female Firefighter and said I wanted to do that too!! The job is so different every day, I can be putting out fires, cutting up cars at road traffic accidents, rescuing horses or visiting schools, I never get bored!!

About Liz outside of work:

Liz likes to swim, cycle and run – she does Triathlons. She loves to play with her pet cat Panda, read lots of books and do triathlons.

Fun fact:

I don't really like heights!! I find it scary going to the top of a really high ladder, but I have to do my job, so that gives me the courage to climb up high!! Liz did an Ironman Triathlon, 3.8k Swim, 180k cycle and a 42.2k run.

Safety Tip from Liz:

Talk to your parents or guardians about an escape plan for you, them and if you have some, your siblings and your pets.

Test your smoke alarm once every week.

MEET NEAL

Neal has been keeping our communities safe while working in the fire service for over 25 years. Neal was a lifeguard when he was a teenager, then a firefighter and is now a fire officer in charge of fire stations. His job is all about making sure firefighters have the right tools, fire engines and really good training to be able to put out fires, rescue people and teach us how to be fire safe.

Why Neal loves his Job:

Neal really enjoys making sure firefighters are safe and able to use their brilliant skills and bravery to help people when they need it most. It's a great feeling being part of a team who can do these things. Another really important part of Neal's job is finding out how fires happen and teaching people how to stay safe from fire.

Cool things Neal has done:

When Neal was a firefighter he once rescued a big yellow pet snake from a fire. The snake (and Neal) was a little scared but survived OK. The snake was renamed smoky!

Why I became a Firefighter:

Neal became a firefighter because he wanted to help people and make a real difference in his community. It's a great job because you get to be part of a really cool team, you learn new things all the time and you have to respond quickly when someone calls for help. Learning things like how to drive fire engines, fight fires and use powerful tools is enjoyable, but going into school again to teach children about fire safety is the best.

About Neal outside of work:

Neal likes to go camping, climbing mountains and swimming. It's important for a fire officer to stay fit and strong so they can teach firefighters how to do their job really well.

Fun fact:

Neal went to see the Olympics in Paris last year and his favourite sport to watch was waterpolo!

Safety Tip from Neal:

Make sure you and everyone in your home knows the escape plan.

Listen carefully to the firefighters who come to your class and don't forget to ask them questions, they have good stories to tell.

Always be fire safe in your home.



WOOF!



WOOF!

WHAT DID YOU LEARN?

1. What role does Liz have?

- a. Firefighter
- b. Paramedic
- c. Both

2. In the Fire Service, are there...?

- a. Only positions for firefighters
- b. Only positions for fire officers
- c. Positions for both

3. Do you...?

- a. Work alone
- b. Work as part of a Team

4. What is Neal's first fire safety tip?

- a. Test your smoke alarm
- b. Don't leave your phone charging on your bed
- c. Make sure you and everyone in your home knows the escape plan

5. Does doing things outside of work help you?

- a. Keep fit and strong
- b. Keep fun in your life
- c. Improve your people skills
- d. All of the above

6. Is the job...?

- a. Exciting
- b. Rewarding
- c. Important
- d. All of the above



Always be KIND
and RESPECT
each other!



FIRE PREVENTION

To **prevent** fires starting, we need to **avoid** :

- ✗ Leaving burning candles unattended
- ✗ Being careless with matches and lighters
- ✗ Leaving chip pans, frying pans, etc. unattended
- ✗ Standing too close to fires, heaters, etc.
- ✗ Using faulty electrical appliances
- ✗ Overloading sockets
- ✗ Charging your mobile phone on your bed

We also need to **make sure to** :

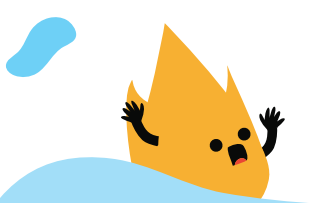
- ✓ Have our chimneys cleaned regularly
- ✓ Use a fire guard with open fires
- ✓ Use proper holders when burning candles
- ✓ Have faulty electrical appliances repaired or replaced immediately
- ✓ Close all doors at night time
- ✓ Carry out a routine fire safety check before going to bed



Try our Fire Safety game in the centre of this booklet!

DRAW AN ESCAPE PLAN FROM YOUR HOME

The simplest route is generally the best way out.



Stay close to the floor and make your way to the landing or hallway.

Your landing, stairs and hallway should be relatively clear of smoke particularly if you've closed your doors the night before.

Make your way down the stairs or along the hallway to the front door (or rear door or patio door if clearer).

Open the door – you should be able to unlock the door without a key or know where the key is close by.

Make your way outside to your agreed assembly point.

Raise the alarm. You or your neighbour call **999/112**.

STAY OUT!



MATCH THE WORDS WITH THEIR MEANINGS

Person who puts out fires.

Person who cleans your chimney.

How Firefighters reach great heights.

A device that beeps if you have a fire.

An obstacle to your safe exit.

Used for putting out cigarettes.

A device to put out a fire.

The way out if there is a fire.

Where to gather in an emergency.

How you will exit safely in an emergency.

Screen to keep your fire safe.

Too many electrical items plugged in.

A dangerous grey cloud.

Vehicle which carries firefighters and equipment for fighting fires.

SPARK GUARD

SMOKE ALARM

OBSTRUCTION

EXTINGUISHER

SMOKE

FIRE EXIT

FIREFIGHTER

FIRE ENGINE

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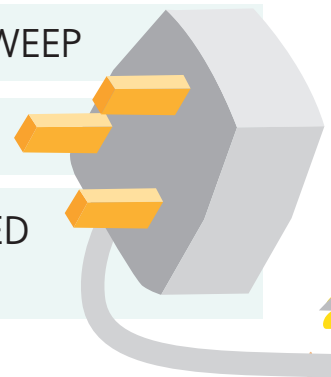
ASSEMBLY POINT

ESCAPE PLAN

CHIMNEY SWEEP

ASH TRAY

OVERLOADED
SOCKET



One socket,
one plug!

FIRE SAFETY GAME



Try our fire safety game and have fun at home with your parents or guardians!



“FireSmartAR” tests your escape skills and makes you think about the fire safety risks around your home through augmented reality.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1 Download “FireSmartAR” App, Available for IOS and Android Users.

2 Follow the in App Instructions and scan the next page with your device camera to begin.

3 Don't forget to leave us a review and tell your friend.



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GET IT ON
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Have fun!

IF YOUR CLOTHES CATCH FIRE

STOP....



DROP....



AND ROLL!



FIND THE

IMPORTANT WORDS



A	V	W	A	O	R	B	M	F	N	A	L	P	E	P	A	C	S	E
K	S	I	I	H	F	S	D	U	I	N	N	G	O	A	D	O	M	V
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Assembly Point

Safety

Obstructions

Fire Engine

Smoke Alarm

Evacuation

Risk

Firehound

Spark Guard

Prevention

Firefighter

Fire Exit

Flame

Extinguisher

Training

Escape Plan

SMOKE ALARMS



- Have at least one smoke alarm on each level of your home.
- Test it Tuesday!
- Replace the battery at least once a year or when it chirps!
- Check the expiry date!
- Use your escape plan if it sounds.



This is the most important piece of fire safety equipment!



CALLING THE FIRE BRIGADE

- ! Dial **999** or **112**.
- ! Ask for the fire service.
- ! Speak calmly and clearly.
- ! Give your address and phone number.
- ! Know your Eircode.
- ! Only hang up when the operator tells you to.



SPOT THE TEN DIFFERENCES





FIRE SAFETY CHECK



A Routine Fire Safety Check consists of a simple walk around your house before going to bed, keeping an eye out for obvious dangers.

On your check, make sure to do the following:

- ☐ Unplug all unnecessary electrical appliances
- ☐ Turn off all unnecessary gas appliances
- ☐ Make sure all candles are extinguished
- ☐ Place a fire guard in front of any fireplace
- ☐ Ensure all escape routes are completely clear of obstructions
- ☐ Close all doors to reduce the spread of fire and smoke



FIND MY

HIDDEN MESSAGE



VERTICAL (DOWN)

1. Use your nearest _____ to leave the building. (4,4)
2. It rhymes with detention. (10)
5. A safe (meeting place) outside of your home. (8,5)
6. Firefighters use this to climb. (6)
7. Keep your escape route clear of any _____. (12)
8. Big red bottle full of foam or water, used to fight a fire. (12)
11. Always use a _____ with an open fire, such as fireplace. (10)
13. It is the hot part of the fire. (5)
17. In the case of an emergency, don't take any _____. (4)

HORIZONTAL (ACROSS)

3. Steam in liquid form. (5)
4. Escaping from a fire will be a lot easier if you have already planned your _____. (6,5)
9. Test your _____ weekly! (5,5)
10. The heroes driving in fire engine? (12)
12. It helps you escape from a house in case of emergency (4)
14. Every firefighter must complete tough _____. (8)
15. Big red vehicle full of fire fighters. (4,6)
16. Opposite of danger. (6)
18. Our mascot! woof, woof! (9)

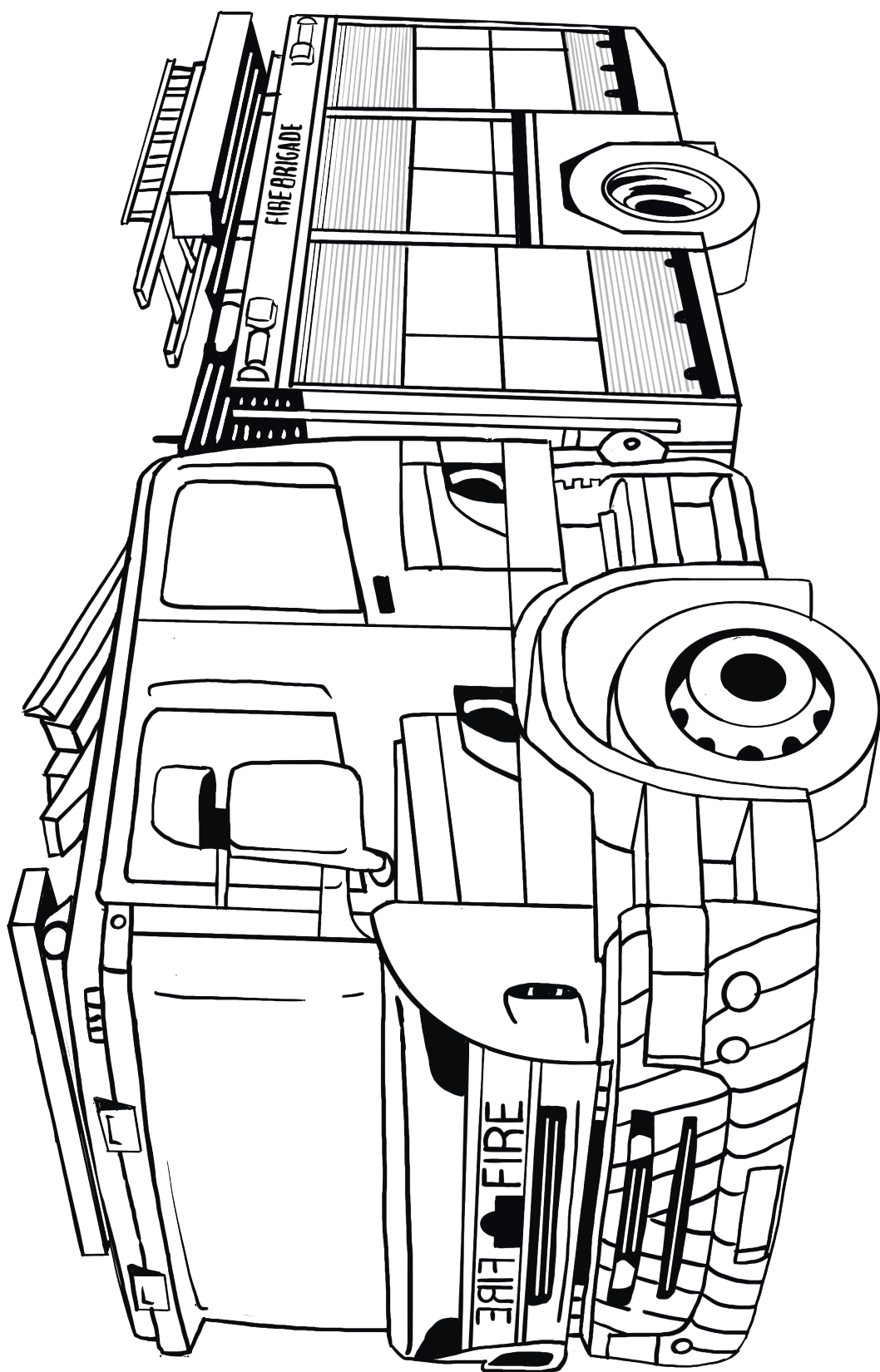
QUIZ TIME!

1. How often should you test your smoke alarm?
2. Where should your smoke alarm be fitted?
3. When can you leave candles unattended?
4. What should be switched off before bed?
5. What should be closed before bed?
6. What should be emptied before bed, after making sure that the contents are cool?
7. How many plugs should be inserted into a socket?
8. Why should you keep your hallways tidy?
9. How do you test a smoke alarm?
10. Where should you put a spark guard?
11. Why should you never play with matches and lighters?
12. Why is an escape plan so important?
13. How many people in your house would need to know about an escape plan?
14. If there is a fire, who should you call?
15. For what reason should you go back into a burning house?
16. Should you throw water on an electrical fire?
17. Where is the least smoky place during a fire?
18. Why is it better not to put a mirror above the fireplace if you use an open fire?
19. Why should you not charge electrical items overnight?



Have you paid attention to my colleague?

COLOURING TIME!



ANSWERS

I know you know the answers, but just let me help you a bit...



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

1. Missing screw on bottom ladder step.
2. Siren - yellow shading.
3. Extra orange light above the wind shield.
4. Bumper red - high visibility section.
5. Water puddle.
6. Green wheel.
7. Extra hair shield on bottom right firefighter.
8. NDFEM logo missing on door.
9. Fire truck's dashboard colour.
10. Open mouth of bottom left firefighter.

CROSSWORD

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|-------------------|------------------|
| 1. Fire exit | 10. Firefighters |
| 2. Prevention | 11. Sparkguard |
| 3. Water | 12. Plan |
| 4. Escape route | 13. Flame |
| 5. Assembly point | 14. Training |
| 6. Ladder | 15. Fire engine |
| 7. Obstructions | 16. Safety |
| 8. Extinguisher | 17. Risk |
| 9. Smoke alarm | 18. Firehound |

SAFETY TEAM QUIZ

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| 1. Every week. | 13. Everyone old enough to understand it. |
| 2. In your hall or halls and landing. | 14. The Fire & Rescue Service. |
| 3. Never. | 15. For no reason. Never return to a burning house. |
| 4. All electrical appliances not designed to stay on. | 16. No. Water conducts electricity. |
| 5. Doors. | 17. Near the floor. |
| 6. Ashtrays. | 18. It encourages people to stand too close to the fire. |
| 7. Only one. | 19. It would be a fire hazard. |
| 8. So that you have a clear path, should anything happen. | |
| 9. Press the button – if it is working it will beep. | |
| 10. In front of an open fire. | |
| 11. You could get burned or start a fire. | |
| 12. It will help you escape a fire when smoke makes it hard see. | |

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