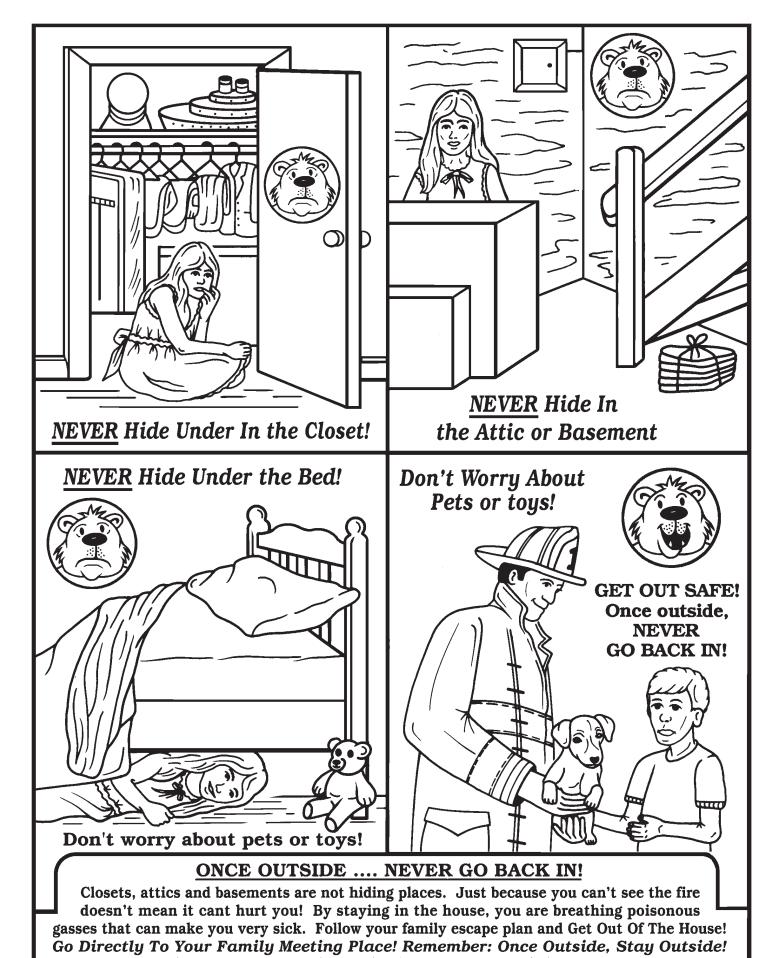
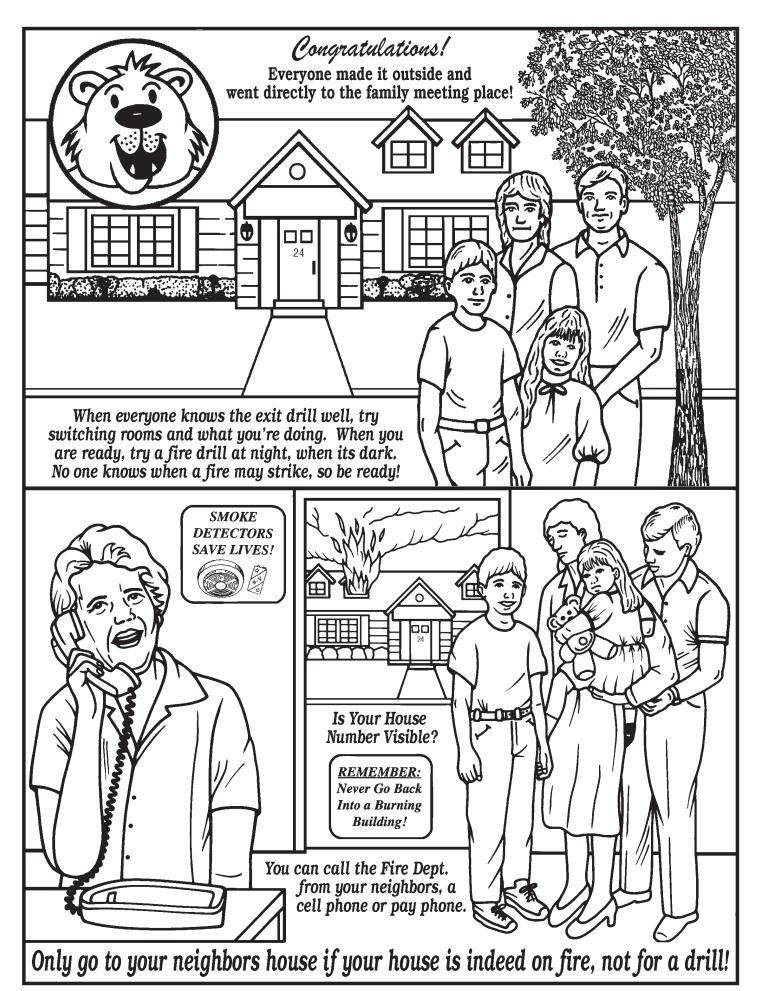


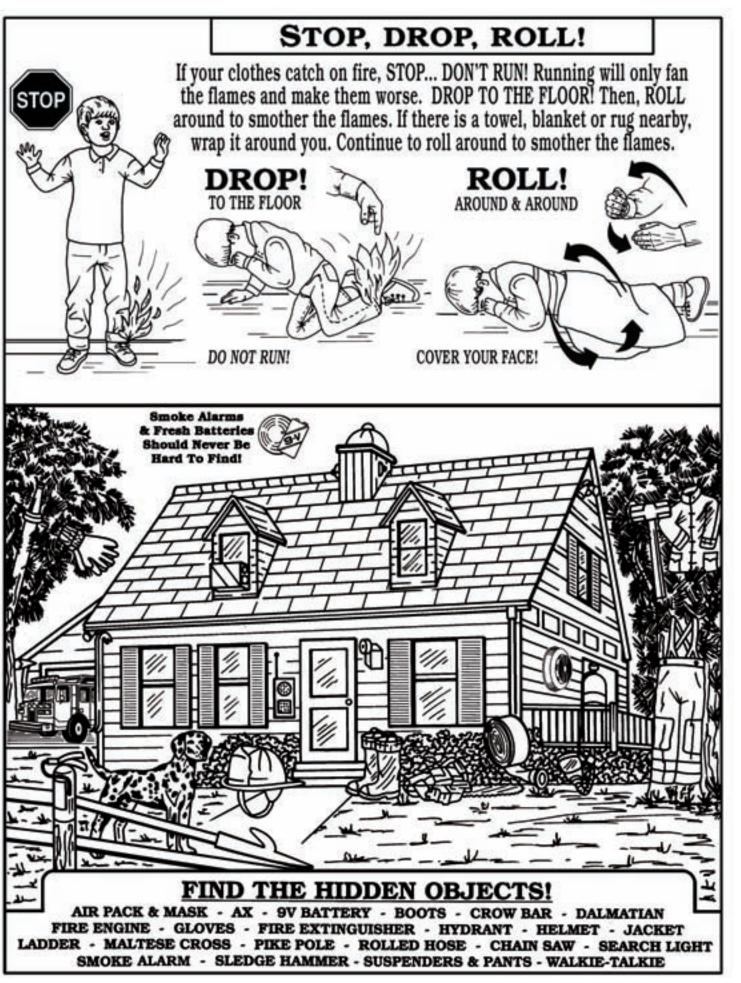
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Wait for the firefighters if you need help!

Do not go back into the house until the firefighters say that it is safe for you to enter!





Walk around your house and point out each smoke alarm in your home. Then test them. This allows the children to hear how loud the alarms are. Be sure to tell that the sound will be very loud, and that it is OK if they want to cover their ears. Let them know that while these alarms may be loud, they will not hurt them in any way. Even though they do sound scary, the noise will alert them and allow everyone to escape if a fire ever breaks out. This is a good way to introduce children to the rules of testing smoke alarms monthly. Have them look at the family calendar and select a date - for example, the 30th of every month. Have them place a sticker or a dot on this date so that the family remembers the

"testing date". Also remember to change the batteries when you change the clocks in the spring and fall! Be sure to circle that date!

Another important thing to check on is the age of your smoke alarm. It is recommended that they be replaced around the time that they are 10 years old; whether they seem to be working or not.

Other Common Household Items That Can Cause Fires Includes

- · CLUTTER is a fire hazard. Throw out old papers.
- SPACE HEATERS should be kept away from curtains, bedding or flammable material. Never use them to dry clothing!
- OVERHEATED LAPTOP computers heat up when left on soft surfaces such as bedding, tablecloths, pillows & your, clothing. Use a breathable tabletop.
- CLOTHES DRYERS, when too much list gets built up in the vent or filter. Clean out after each use & consider professional cleaning of the vent.
- ELECTRICAL OUTLETS when overloaded with extension cords. Throw out all broken or frayed cords. Unplug small appliances when you are not using them. NEVER place fingers or toys in outlets! They can burn you!
- CLEAN FIREPLACES after each use. Have the chimney cleaned yearly by a pro!
- DESIGNATE a "NO PLAY ZONE" around all cooking areas. Have an adult nearby when cooking & preparing food.
- KEEP MATCHES, lighters, lighter fluids, charcoal & all barbecue equipment away from children & pets. Keep them away until everything has cooled off.
- GASOLINE & other flammables should be stored in fire safe containers outside the home. Throw away old paint brushes & rags. Tightly close all paint cans.
- ALWAYS have a fire extinguisher and water supply close by in case of fire. Know what kind of extinguisheris needed for your electrical items. Make sure everyone knows how to use them.

