

Sparky's® World Series of Fire Safety

Sparky's World Series of Fire Safety game is a fun, interactive way for students to learn about fire safety.

Objective

To correctly answer as many fire safety questions as possible and help score the winning number of runs for your team.

Materials

Game cards - Each correctly answered game card question is worth a single, double, triple, or home run, depending on its level of difficulty.

Chalk/chalkboard/whiteboard-Used to track the number of runs each team scores.

Two baseball field posters - Use poster board to create a baseball field including the baseball diamond.

Two desks - Each desk represents home plate for the two teams. Students will step to the plate at the desks to answer the questions.

Two buzzers - Two bells, whistles, other items are needed for students to signal that they know the answer to the question.

Prizes - Small treats or prizes should be awarded to all students, with additional bonus prizes awarded to the winning team. Also consider giving prizes to the Most Valuable Presenters (students who score the most runs for their team).

Game Rules

- Pitcher - This role could be played by a fire department representative who will ask the game card questions, determine whose buzzer sounds first, and ensure that questions are answered correctly.
- Scorekeeper - The teacher should serve as scorekeeper, standing at the chalkboard where the baseball diamonds are located side by side. He/she should keep track of each kid on base and how many runs are scored by each team.
- Two World Series of Fire Safety Teams - Students are the World Series of Fire Safety game players and should be separated into two teams of equal size.

How to Play

Following are basic rules for playing the World Series of Fire Safety.

- Divide classroom students into two teams. Line up each team single file behind two desks, which will serve as home plate for each team.
- Place a buzzer on each desk.
- Have the first student in each line step up to home plate.
- Read a fire safety question aloud from one of the game cards, noting what the question is worth (i.e. a single, double, triple, or home run).
- Allow the student who rings his/her buzzer first to answer the question.
- If the student answers the question correctly, the scorekeeper will track which base of the baseball field the student is on by putting a check mark or other marker next to it. Both students should go to the back of the line, with the next two students quickly stepping up to the plate.
- If the first student answers the question incorrectly, he/she should go to the back of the line, and the second student at home plate can try to answer it. If he/she answers it correctly, the same rules noted above should be followed.
- If the second student also answers the question incorrectly, he/she must go to the back of the line, and the next two students should step up to the plate.

Either stay with the same question until it is answered correctly, or come back to it later.

•After all the game cards are read by the pitcher and answered correctly, the game is over. The team with the most runs wins!

Advance Preparation

1. Print and cut the game cards out.
2. Create two-baseball fields on poster boards. Include home plate and the three bases.
3. Find two bells, whistles, or other items that can serve as game buzzers.

Game-Day Preparation

1. Set up two desks side by side
2. Place a buzzer (i.e. a whistle, bell, etc.) on each desk.
3. Tape the baseball fields next to one another on the chalkboard.
4. Call the first batters up, and let the games begin!

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World Series of Fire Safety Game Questions

Single

It's safe to leave a dishtowel near the stove top.
True or false?

◆ Answer: **False.** Cooking areas should always be clean and clear of anything that can burn, such as potholders, towels and rags.

Single

Should pot and pan handles on the stove top be turned in or out?

◆ Answer: **In.** Otherwise, they can be easily knocked or pulled down and cause burns.

Double

It's dangerous to play near the cooking area when someone is cooking. True or false?

◆ Answer: **True.** Always play far away from the stove. And make sure you keep your eye on younger kids and pets in the kitchen to make sure they stay far way from the area, too.

Double

Grown-ups should always keep a close eye on food cooking on the stove top. True or false?

◆ Answer: **True.** Grown-ups should never leave the room when food is cooking on the stovetop. It only takes a second for a fire to start.

Triple

Out of the five items I'm about to read, which three should a grown-up keep handy in case there is a grease pan fire on the stove top?
A potholder, a chair, an oven mitt, an egg, a lid.

◆ Answer: **A potholder, oven mitt and lid.**

Triple

You should wear loose fitting comfortable clothes when cooking. True or false?

◆ Answer: **False.** Long sleeves and loose fitting clothes can come into contact with a hot burner and catch on fire easily. Grown-ups should always wear short, close fitting, or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking.

Homerun

What three things should you do if there is a fire in the microwave?

◆ Answer: **Keep the door closed, unplug the microwave, and call the fire department.**

Homerun

How many feet should there be in a "kid-free zone"?

◆ Answer: **Three-feet (one metre).**

Single

Which one of these things can get hot: an ice cream cone, a baseball, a heater or a jellybean?

◆ Answer: **A heater.**

Single

Listen to the following list of items. Which ones should you keep away from a heater?

- a. a chair.
- b. a bed.
- c. a dog.
- d. all of the above.

◆ Answer: **D.All fo the above.** Anything that can burn should be kept away from a heater.

Double

When should you turn off a portable space heater?

◆ Answer: **When you leave the room or go to bed.**

Double

Space heaters need space. True or False?

◆ Answer: **True.** Keep anything that can burn, including people, furniture and pets, at least three feet (one metre) away.

Triple

What should you have on your fireplace that will keep sparks from flying into the room?

◆ Answer: **A sturdy screen(a metal screen or built-in glass door).**

Triple

When should grown-ups have chimneys and heating systems checked?

- a. when it's raining.
- b. once a year.
- c. on Fridays .

◆ Answer: **B - Once a year.**

Homerun

Kids should put matches and lighters away in a safe place if they find them. True or false?

◆ Answer: **False.** If kids find matches or lighters, they should not touch them! They should tell a grown-up immediately and ask them to have the matches and lighters locked up high and away from kids' sight and reach.

Homerun

How far should space heaters be from walls, furniture, and anything else that can burn?

◆ Answer: **At least three-feet (one metre).**

Single

It's safe to touch an electrical outlet. True or False?

◆ Answer: **False.** You should never touch an electrical outlet.

Single

Extension cords should not run under doorways and carpets. True or false?

◆ Answer: **True.**

Double

When should electrical cords be replaced?

◆ Answer: **If they are loose, cracked or frayed.**

Double

Should lamps be put on level surfaces or uneven surfaces?

◆ Answer: **Level surfaces. Otherwise, lamps can tip over and start a fire.**

Triple

What should be done with small appliances, such as toasters and coffeemakers when they're not being used?

◆ Answer: **They should be unplugged.**

Triple

Fill in the last word of this sentence: "When a receptacle outlet has too many appliances plugged into it, it's _____."

◆ Answer: **Overloaded.**

Homerun

How many large appliances should be plugged into each receptacle outlet? (You may need to show students what a receptacle outlet looks like).

◆ Answer: **One.**

Homerun

What should you use to cover receptacles that will keep small kids safe?

◆ Answer: **Plastic safety covers.**

Single

What kind of plan should you and your family have so that everyone knows exactly what to do in a fire?

◆ Answer: A home fire escape plan.

Single

How often should you test your smoke alarms?

- a. once a week.
- b. once a year.
- c. once a month.

◆ Answer: C - Once a month

Double

Your home fire escape plan should have how many ways out of every room?

◆ Answer: **Two**. The first exit is a door, and the second way out is usually a window.

Double

How often should you replace the batteries in your smoke alarms?

◆ Answer: **Once a year** (or when the alarm "chirps," warning that the batteries are low).

Triple

What should you do if you have to escape through a smoky area?

◆ Answer: **Crawl low under smoke to the exit.**

Triple

Where should you go once you have safely escaped your home?

◆ Answer: **Your outside meeting place.**

Homerun

Where should smoke alarms be placed in your home?

◆ Answer: **On each level of your home and in or near all sleeping areas.**

Homerun

How often should you practice a home fire escape plan?

◆ Answer: **Twice a year!**

Single

The fire department emergency phone number is not posted by your phone. What should you do?

◆ Answer: **The best thing is to memorize it so you'll always remember it.**
Write it on a piece of paper and tape it near the phone.

Single

The smoke alarms in your home are more than 10 years old. What should you do?

◆ Answer: **Replace them.** Smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years.

Double

You are watching television and your mom walks in and lights a candle. A few minutes later, she leaves the room to start making dinner. What should you do?

◆ Answer: **Remind your mom to blow out the candle before she leaves the room.**
Lighted candles should never be left without a grown-up present in the room.

Double

The smoke alarm has sounded. You feel the doorknob and space between the door with the back of your hand. It is warm. What should you do?

◆ Answer: **Use your second way out.** There could be a fire on the other side of the door.

Triple

The smoke alarm has sounded and you are escaping. There is smoke blocking your exit. What should you do?

◆ Answer: **Use your second way out.** It is important to have a second way out in case your first way out is blocked by smoke.

Triple

Your older brother's room is a mess. He throws his clothes all over the place. The only place he hangs his clothes is on top of his lamp. What should you do?

◆ Answer: **Get a grown-up involved.** Remind a grown-up that it is a fire hazard to put things that can burn next to a heat source - such as a hot electric bulb. Have a grown-up give him something else to hang his clothes on or remove the lamp from his room.

Homerun

You and your dad are home alone. Your dad is doing the laundry and has just put the clothes in the dryer and pushes the start button. He tells you to get your soccer stuff so he can take you to the game. What should you do?

◆ Answer: **Remind him to never leave the clothes dryer running when you leave the home because a fire could start inside the dryer or the vent.**
The clothes dryer should be turned off until a grown-up returns home.

Homerun

You are helping your dad clean the garage. The gasoline can does not have a cap. What should you do?

◆ Answer: **Tell your dad that this is a very dangerous situation!**
Gasoline needs to be stored in an unbreakable, tightly sealed container that is specially made to store small amounts of gasoline.