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Fire Safety Gazette



SMOKE ALARMS



Make Them WORK For You!™

Message from Fire Marshal



It is my pleasure to share with everyone our 2024 Fire Safety Gazette. This year's Fire Prevention Week is celebrated between October 6th- October 12th, 2024, with the theme of "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you". The Fire Safety Gazette is filled with stories, activities, and puzzles to help us share fire safety tips with you and your child to help keep everyone safe.

Did you know that smoke alarms were missing in over a third (38 percent) of home fire deaths?

Smoke alarms remain the best tool to help everyone get out quickly and safely.

That's why this year's theme is so important-everyone should recognize the sights and sounds of smoke alarms and know how to get out of their home quickly and safely.

Parents-practice your smoke alarm drills every month. Make sure everyone young and old are familiar with your plan-take time to explore your home and find two ways out of every room. Teach them to close doors behind them, crawl low if it's smoky, and to never, ever go back in. Remind them not to bring anything with them-things can be replaced! Remember once you get out of your home-have a safe place to assemble and meet the fire department when they arrive.

The Office of the Fire Marshal along with our Fire Departments are dedicated to the safety of New Brunswickers. This important week is a partnership with Insurance Brokers Association of New Brunswick-our major sponsor of the Fire Chief for a Day draw. Every child who completes a ballot included with this Gazette has a chance to be drawn as New Brunswick's Fire Chief for a day in the fall of 2024.

Make sure you test your smoke alarms monthly- working smoke alarms save lives!

Michael Lewis,
Fire Marshal



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Fire Chief
For-a-Day

2023



We would like to congratulate the winner of "Fire Chief for a Day" for 2023, Rayna-May Williams from Sussex Elementary School in Sussex, NB.

Rayna-May is a student from Mrs. Drury's Kindergarten class. To celebrate this occasion, she was surrounded by her classmates from her kindergarten class along with her parents. Rayna-May was presented with her firefighter turnout gear and a backpack filled with fire safety accessories from Fire Chief Tony Reicker of the Sussex Fire Department along with Fire Marshal Michael Lewis of the office of the Fire Marshal and members of the Office of the Fire Marshal, the New Brunswick Association of Fire Chiefs and the Royal Firefighter Association and special guest Sparky the Fire Dog.

Rayna-May and her classmates got to celebrate with a giant cake and to top things off, she got to take a drive in a big red fire truck around the village with lights and sirens.

A great day was had by all who attended.

For a chance to be chosen as chief for the day please be sure to fill out your ballot in this year's Fire Safety Gazette!

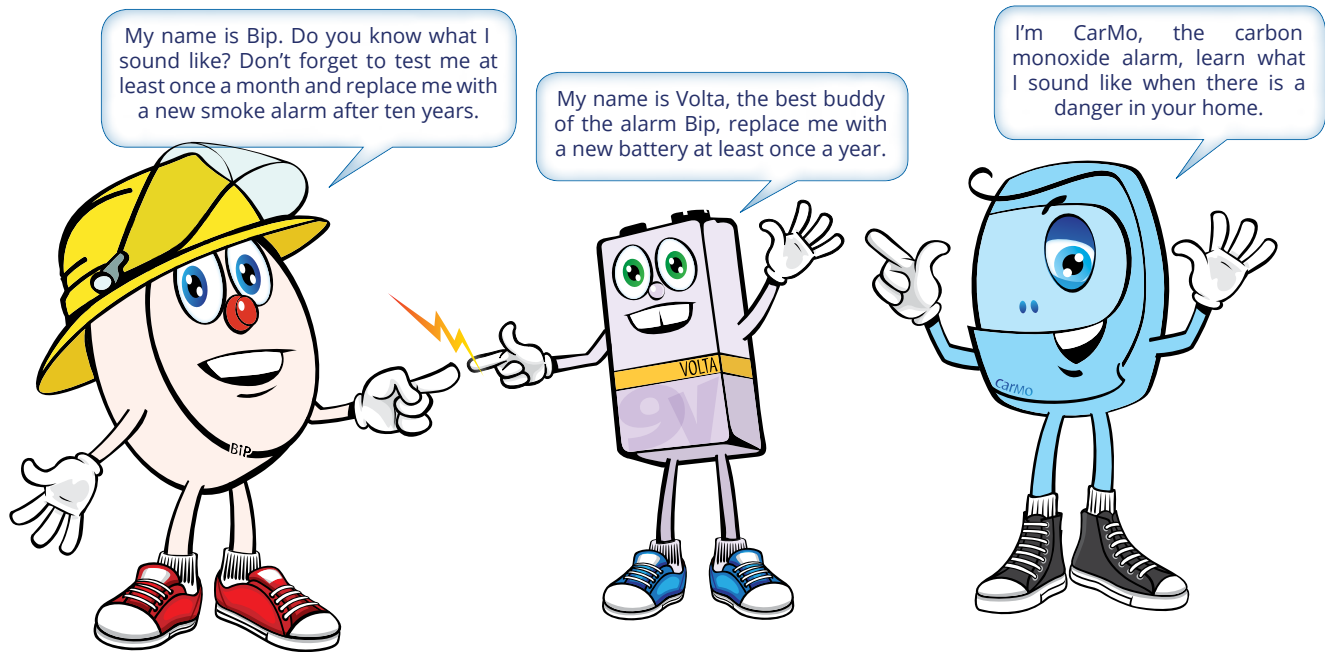
Awards... Prizes... Celebration... Sparky...

Fire Trucks... Fire Fighters... Gear... Fun!

EXCITING! You could be this year's winner!

Enter your name in the draw for a chance to have a special day like Rayna May! Fill out the ballot on the page 8.

Smoke Alarms-make them work for you!



Smoke alarms at home

Working smoke alarms are an important part of a home fire escape plan.



- Choose interconnected smoke alarms for your home, so when one sounds they all sound.



- Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.
- Make sure your smoke alarms work. Your family is not safe if they can't hear the smoke alarm.



- Test smoke alarms every month and replace batteries at least once every year.
- Smoke alarms do not last forever. Replace smoke alarms every 10 years.
- When you hear a smoke alarm, you may have less than 2 minutes to get everyone outside and safe.



- **If the alarm sounds...** If the smoke alarm sounds **GET OUT AND STAY OUT.** Never go back inside for people or pets.
- If you have to escape through a smoke-filled room, **GET LOW AND GO** under the smoke to your nearest exit.

**Call 9-1-1
or the fire
department
from outside
your home.**

Sparky's Fire Safety Maze



FIND 2 WAYS OUT OF THE HOUSE TO GET TO THE OUTSIDE MEETING PLACE.



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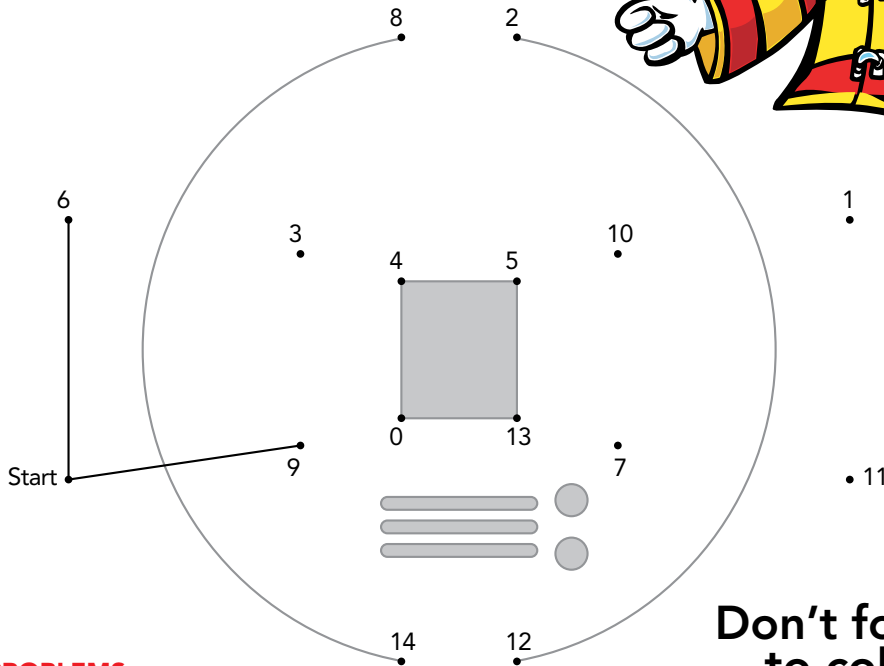
CONNECT THE DOTS

With Math!

Complete the math problems.
The answers will tell you how
to connect the dots. The first
one is done for you!



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PROBLEMS

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| 2. $9 - 6 =$ | 10. $13 - 6 =$ |
| 3. $4 + 0 =$ | 11. $11 + 2 =$ |
| 4. $5 + 3 =$ | 12. $9 + 3 =$ |
| 5. $1 + 1 =$ | 13. $8 + 6 =$ |
| 6. $7 - 2 =$ | 14. $10 - 10 =$ |
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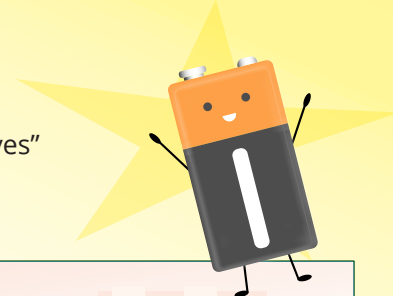


Smoke alarm: a gift to keep you safe. Make sure there are smoke alarms in your home.

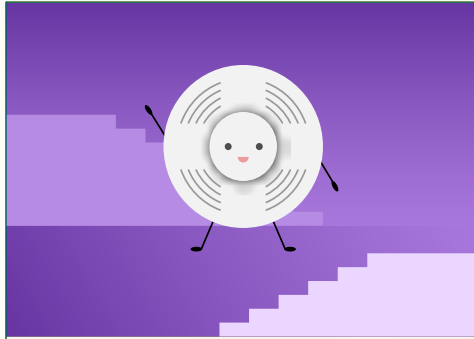
- There are many brands of smoke alarms, but they fall under two basic types: **ionization** and **photoelectric**.
- **Ionization** alarms are more responsive to flaming fires, and **photoelectric** alarms are more responsive to smoldering fires. Photoelectric smoke alarms are the best type of alarms to be installed near the kitchen and bathrooms to reduce nuisance alarms.

Home Fire Safety Checklist

Go from room to room and answer the questions below. Give yourself one point for each "yes" answer. When you're done, add up the points to find out how fire safe your home is.

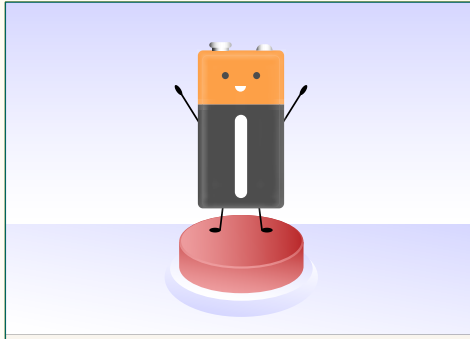


Smoke Alarms / Home Fire Escape



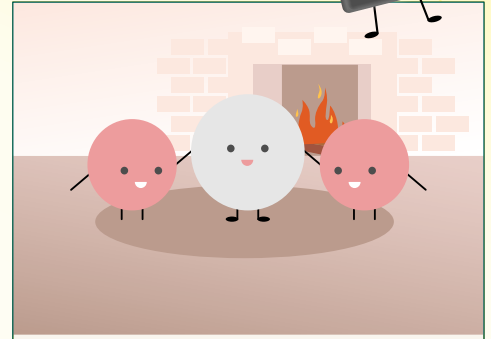
Are there smoke alarms on every level, including the basement and outside each sleeping area?

Yes No



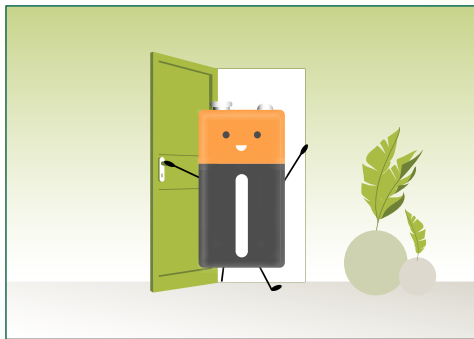
Are there batteries working in all your smoke alarms? (Have a grown-up push the test buttons to find out.)

Yes No



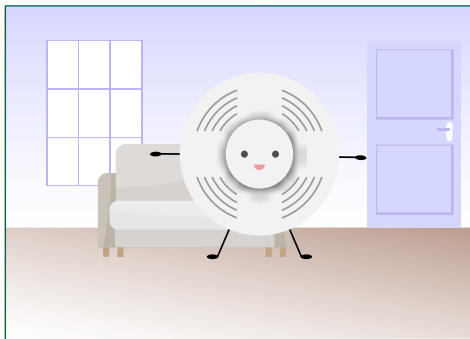
Do you have a carbon-monoxide detector installed if you are burning wood, propane or natural gas?

Yes No



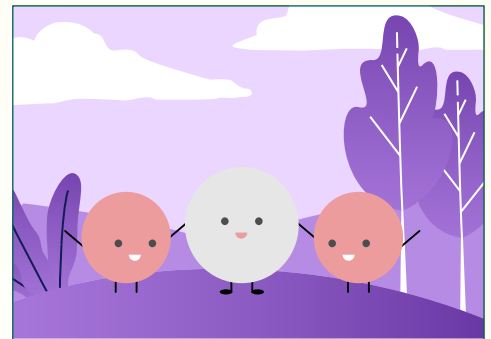
Are all the exits in your home clear of furniture, toys and clutter?

Yes No



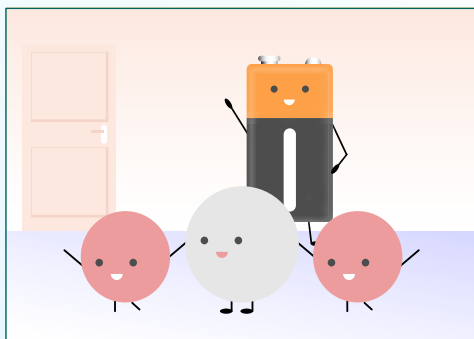
Does your family have a home fire escape plan that includes two exits, usually a door and a window, from each room?

Yes No



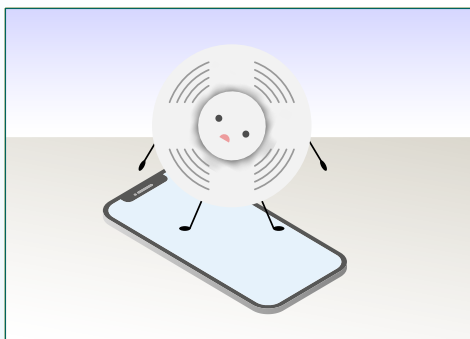
Has your family picked a safe place to meet outside after you exit your home?

Yes No



Have you practiced your home fire drill within the last six months?

Yes No



Do you know what phone number to call in the event of a fire?

Yes No

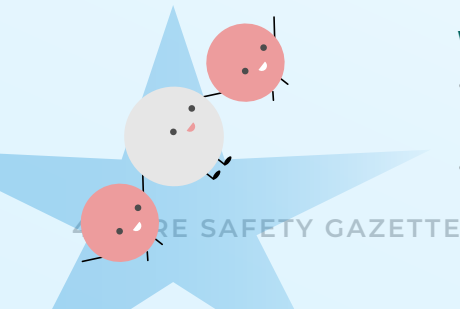


Can your house or building number be seen from the street?

Yes No

What's your fire safety score?

- If you answered "yes" to all of the questions, congratulations! You've done your homework for fire safety.
- If you've answered "yes" to 6 to 8 questions, you're going in the right direction, but you've got some work to do.
- If you answered "yes" to fewer than 6 questions, have a look around and make the changes you need so that your home is fire-safe!












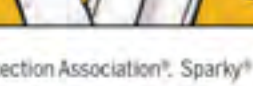




SMOKE ALARM

Safety Sheet

Families: Smoke alarms save lives. Make sure the smoke alarms in your home are working. Hang up this handy chart to remind you to test your smoke alarms every month.

MONTH	TESTED SMOKE ALARMS	SMOKE ALARMS WORKED
OCTOBER 		
NOVEMBER 		
DECEMBER 		
JANUARY 		
FEBRUARY 		
MARCH 		
APRIL 		
MAY 		
JUNE 		
JULY 		
AUGUST 		
SEPTEMBER 		

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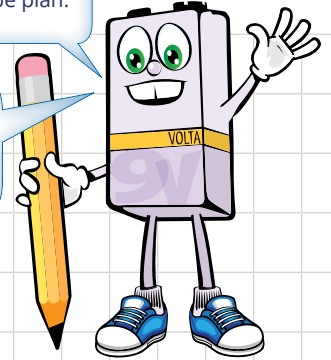


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My escape plan

Draw your home escape plan.

On the floor plan, label each room. Locate windows, doors and stairways. Indicate your meeting place.



Fire Chief For-a-Day

ENTRY FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Student's name _____

Student's age _____

Teacher _____

Grade (please circle) **K 1 2 3 4 5**

School _____

School's address _____

Postal code _____



Send in before
November 8th,
2024

Only one entry per student.

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Fredericton, NB E3A 5T8