



Green Planet Daycare Emergency Procedures- Fire Drills for Infants and Toddlers

- Keeping children safe is an important part of being ECE educator. Young children need your help to understand the dangers of fire and how to respond.
- Fire drill keep children safe in a fire and preventing fire play.

What to teach children:

- 1. Go to a firefighter in an emergency:** young children may be scared the first time they see a firefighter in full gear. We will explain to children:
 - What firefighter wear and why.
 - How a firefighter can help if there is a fire.
 - We will contact our local fire station to arrange a tour. The children can learn about equipment and become familiar with what firefighters look like and what they do. Or invite firefighters to our daycare so they can put on their gear in front of the children, explain their jobs, and answer children's questions.
- 2. Crawl low under smoke:**
 1. Tell children that some fires make lots of smoke, which is dangerous to breathe.
 2. We will show children the safe way to respond when a room fills with smoke: get down on your hand and knees, keep your head up, and crawl outside.
 3. We will ask children to practice with us. We will lead them in crawling across the room with their heads up. Repeat frequently to help children remember this important safety strategy.

- 3. Stop, drop, and roll:** When children's clothes catches on fire, their first reaction may be to run. This can make the fire spread faster. We will show children the safest way to respond:
- Stop, cover your face, get down on the ground, and roll from side to side until we smother the fire.
 - We will ask children to practice with us a few times and then split them into pairs. Children can take turns demonstrating to their partners. We will repeat frequently to help children learn to stop, drop, and roll automatically.
- 4. Tell a grown-up:** We will emphasize to children that matches and lighters are tools that only adults can use.
- We will tell children that they should not play with or even touch these materials.
 - We will explain that if they find a match or lighter, they should tell a grown-up immediately.
 - Role-play will be done with children in small groups about what to do when they find these types of materials.