



Surviving a Fire

Your family/whānau a better chance of surviving a fire if:

- your home has **long-life photoelectric smoke alarms** in bedrooms, lounges, family living areas and halls
- your family knows **what to do** in a fire emergency
- all members have and **practise a home escape plan**, reinforcing the key messages included in *Get Out! Stay Out!*



Remember:

- keep all matches and lighters up high, out of the **sight and reach** of children
- teach children to take matches or lighters **to an adult** straight away
- regularly **check your smoke alarm** batteries.

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Get Out! Stay Out!

**for Parents and
Caregivers**

**Keeping our children
safe from fire**



Get Out! Stay Out!

Fire safety for pre-schoolers

Dear Parent/Caregiver

Children are the most at risk of dying or being badly burned in a fire. They are the most vulnerable because they do not know how to escape a fire safely.

When a fire strikes, it spreads quickly giving you and your family less than three minutes to get out of the house safely. Tragically children often perish in house fires because they hide in cupboards and under beds.

The New Zealand Fire Service has developed a fire-safety programme *Get Out! Stay Out!* for young children and their families/whānau. Together with early childhood centres, educators and carers we aim to encourage fire-safe behaviours; most importantly - how to escape a fire safely. Your child will soon take part in *Get Out! Stay Out!*

For your child to successfully learn about fire safety, it is important you encourage and reinforce the key fire-safety messages in *Get Out! Stay Out!* at home.

On completion of the programme your child will be given their own free *Get Out! Stay Out!* storybook to take home.



This brochure covers what your child/ren have learnt at pre-school and provides some essential fire-safety information to protect your home and family/whānau.

If you require further information or advice on where to install smoke alarms, or how best to escape from your house in a fire emergency please contact your local fire station.

The facts

- Children up to five years-old die in house fires at **two and a half times** the rate of their older siblings.
- A male toddler is **three times** as likely to die as a result of fire as a female. The risk is **five times** as high for Māori as for non-Māori.
- Over **one third** of fatalities among the under fives were the result of the children gaining access to lighters and/or matches.
- Young children involved in fire ignition are more likely to hide rather than flee from the fire.



The fire-safety messages your child will learn are:

- fire is hot, fast and dangerous
- what smoke alarms are, how they sound and what to do when you hear them
- the importance of shouting “FIRE, FIRE, FIRE” to alert others when there is a fire
- in a fire they must quickly **Get Out! Stay Out!**
- family needs to choose a safe meeting place outside that you all know
- children should always give matches and lighters to an adult to put in a safe place
- what a firefighter does.

