



### Activity Sheet 3

# Stop Fires Before They Start

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** Work as a family to answer these questions. Any “no” means there could be a fire hazard in your home.

YES	NO	Does not apply	Think About It
			1. Are matches kept in a metal container away from heat and away from children?
			2. Are all matches, cigarettes, and cigars carefully extinguished before they are disposed of?
			3. Are the fuses or circuit breakers adequate for your home?
			4. Are all electrical cords kept in good condition—not frayed or worn?
			5. Are extension cords kept out from under rugs and carpets and off nails and pipes?
			6. Is only one appliance or device plugged into an extension cord?
			7. Is the heating system in your home inspected annually?
			8. Are furnaces and stoves properly maintained?
			9. Is your fireplace, flue, and chimney inspected and cleaned regularly?
			10. Is there a screen on your fireplace?
			11. Are areas above the stove kept clear?
			12. Are curtains and clothing kept away from the stove and heaters?
			13. Are objects that can burn, like recipe books, paper towels, and potholders kept far away from the stove?
			14. Are the stove, broiler, and other cooking equipment kept clean and free of grease?
			15. Are spaces around the water heater and furnace free from flammable/combustible materials and liquids?
			16. Are gasoline and other flammable liquids kept in approved safety containers and not in glass or plastic containers?
			17. If candles are used in your home, do you make sure they are kept away from anything that can burn? Do you make sure to never leave lighted candles unattended?
			18. Do all members of your family know they should not put cloth over lamps or light bulbs?

