

## **Grade Level**

K, 1, 2

## **Objectives**

- Identify fire hazards in the home.
- Learn the importance of correcting home fire safety hazards.

## **Materials**

Drawings (included) from 3 different rooms in a home: a kitchen, living room, and bedroom.

## **Classroom Activity**

**1. Ask students if they know what fire hazards are and if they can name things in the home that might be considered a fire hazard.**

**Students will probably identify some of the following:**

- Frayed cords on electrical appliances
- Electrical cords run underneath carpets or furniture
- Matches and lighters placed where kids can reach them
- Fireplaces without mesh screens
- Paper, fabric, trash, or other combustible materials left too close to heat sources such as furnaces, hot water heaters, fireplaces, wood stoves, etc..
- Material draped over lamps
- Curtains located too close to the bulbs in torch-style halogen lamps
- Pot holders or kitchen towels stored too close to stoves
- Electrical equipment left on with no one is in the room
- Smoking in bed

Explain that these are dangerous things that could be in anyone's home.

**2. Ask students if they know why it is important to identify and correct fire hazards in the home.**

Students will probably conclude it is important in order to prevent a fire in the home and to prevent their families from being hurt in a fire. Stress that some hazards may not seem dangerous, such as overloaded extension cords, but that they could cause a fire when they least expect it. Fire hazards are especially dangerous at night, when no one is awake to notice that a fire has started.

**3. Review the three rooms in the drawings. Identify the fire hazards that are found in these rooms. At a minimum, the students should identify:**

**In the kitchen:**

- Towel too close to the stove top
- Child cooking alone
- Pot handle turned in the wrong direction - it should be turned to the center of the stove to prevent burns
- Smoke alarm battery missing in hallway



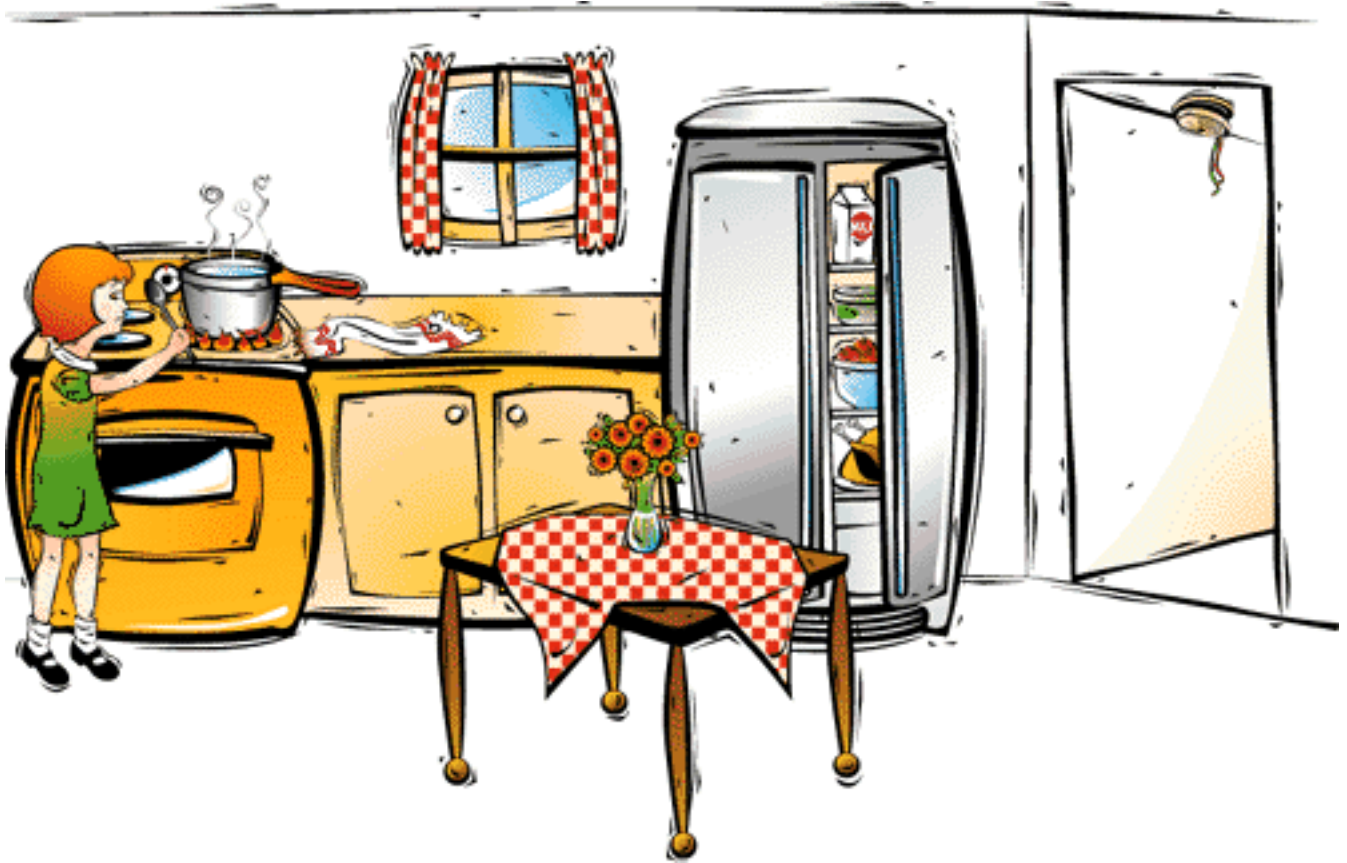
**In the living room:**

- Overloaded electrical outlet
- Candle too close to upholstered materials and left unattended
- T.V. left on and unattended
- Mesh screen missing from in front of the fireplace
- Newspapers left too close to the fireplace where a spark could ignite them
- Smoke alarm battery missing

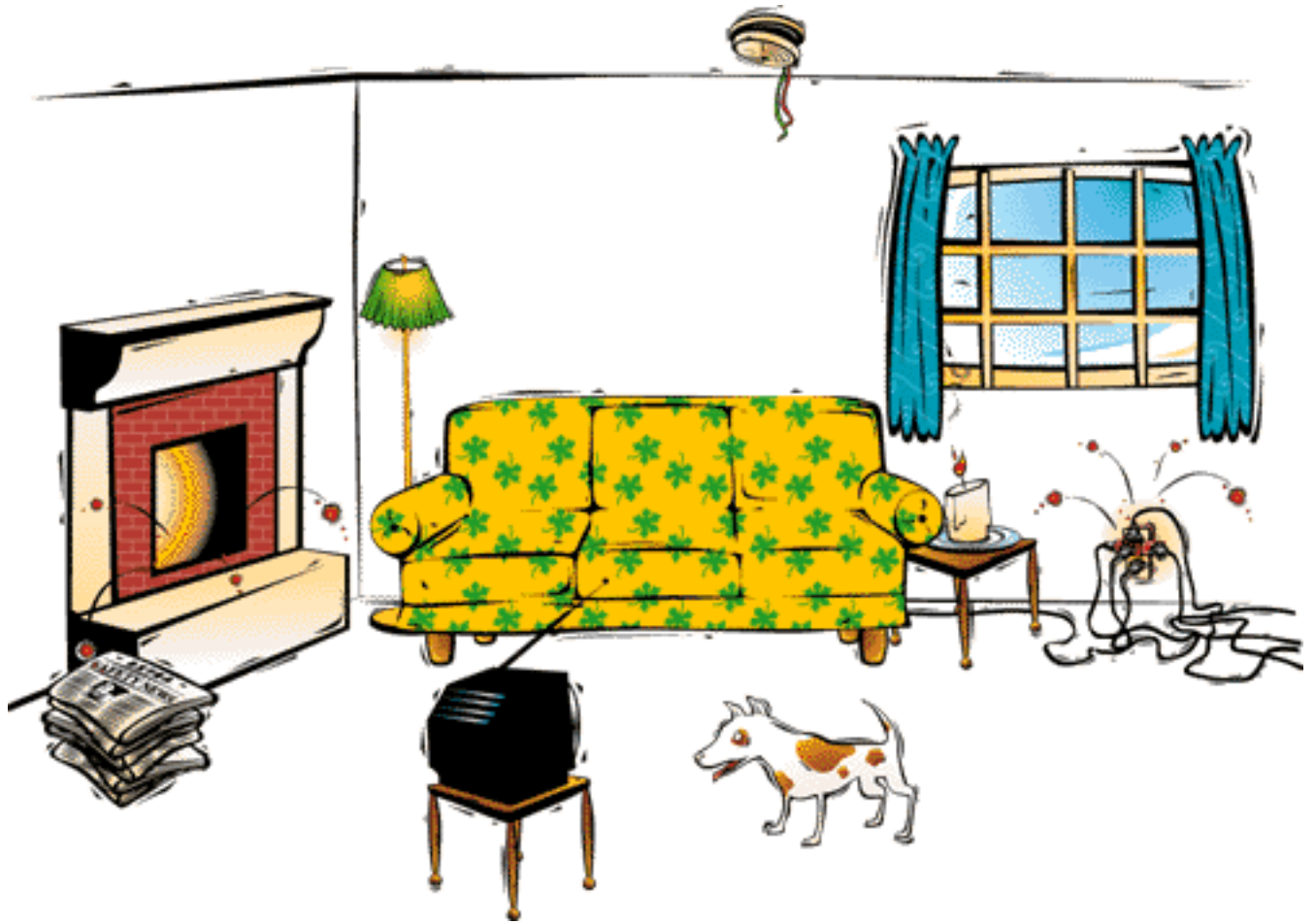
**In the bedroom:**

- Clothing draped over lamp where it could start to burn
- An object (duck) placed on a space heater where it could start to burn
- Space heater left on when no one is in the room
- Clothing left too close to the space heater where it could catch fire
- Smoke alarm battery missing





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