

The Rover Report

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Start Safe is a fire and burn prevention program for preschoolers and their families. It was created by the Home Safety Council, in partnership with the National Head Start Association and Weekly Reader.

In 2011 Oregon was one of twelve states selected to participate in a national Start Safe train-the-trainers program through the Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal.



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National Burn Awareness Week February 5-11, 2012

National Burn Awareness Week is designed to provide an opportunity for burn and fire and life safety educators to unite in sharing a common burn awareness and prevention message in our communities. Celebrated early in the year, it is an excellent opportunity to "kick off" a year full of burn awareness education.

Some Tips to share with parents and caregivers

- ✓ Use only battery powered candles.
- ✓ Set the water heater thermostat to 120 F.
- ✓ Keep hot liquids and foods from the edges of tables and counters.
- ✓ Refrain from using tablecloths with small children around.
- ✓ Carrying children and hot liquids at the same time is unsafe.
- ✓ Use lidded cups for hot beverages.
- ✓ Keep matches and lighters in a locked cabinet.
- ✓ Turn pot handles toward the back of the stove.
- ✓ Keep children three feet away from the stove.
- ✓ Cover all unused electrical outlets with safety devices.
- ✓ Use a special child-guard screen as a barrier for the woodstove or fireplace.
- ✓ Teach children to recognize things that are hot and to stay away.

More resources for teachers

Visit the SAFE KIDS Oregon Website: www.safekidsoregon.org

The Home Safety Council Website has been replaced. Here's the new one:
<http://www.safekids.org/educators/Start-safe/fire-safety/>

Home Safety and Mom Fitness is part of the Wellness Series Videos produced by the Oregon Health Science University and Women in the Fire and Emergency Services. This video targets new moms with fire safety tips. For more information, visit www.safemom.org



Photos from Start Safe trainings conducted in partnership with Oregon fire service agencies & Safe Kids Oregon.

Start Safe: A Fire and Burn Safety Program for Preschoolers and Their Families

Here's what we're doing.

Home fire safety is an adult responsibility!

Preschool age children are among the at-risk group for fire- and burn-related injuries. Reaching parents and caregivers is critical so that changes can be made in the home. The Start Safe program helps pre-school teachers and fire educators reach parents and caregivers with key safety messages and provides ways the parents can take action to reduce the risk of fires and burns at home. To date, OSFM staff have trained 428 Head Start Staff and fire personnel and held trainings in twelve communities representing eleven counties.

Participants are saying . . . "Love that fire personnel were in attendance! Great materials for children & families! English and Spanish materials! Lock box and smoke detector resources are great!" (Head Start Classroom Teacher)

"Fue un entrenamiento que antes no habia recibido y aprendi mucho sobre el. (I had not received this training before and I learned a lot." (Head Start Classroom Teacher)

"Phenomenal presentation! I'm so excited to implement this program." (Oregon Fire Service Personnel)

"Very developmentally appropriate and PROACTIVE curriculum. The videos are particularly powerful. Information for parents of the importance of keeping matches/lighters away from children is essential." (Head Start Classroom Teacher)

If you have pictures or a story to tell about your training for future issues of The Rover Report, please contact Judy or Krista below.



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