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# Fire Prevention Week October 9 - 15, 2011

## The \_\_\_\_\_ Family's Fire Safety Checklist



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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Fire Prevention Week will be held October 9 - 15, 2011. In collaboration with the City of Bayonne Fire Department, the Bayonne Board of Education has developed this brochure to ensure safety for parents and students.

The "Learn Not To Burn" educational program was implemented in 1975. The district continues to make a strong commitment to fire safety education by coordinating efforts between the Fire Department, school, and community to improve all aspects of public safety.

As part of the week-long celebration, Bayonne firefighters will be visiting each school to discuss various fire prevention and safety skills. The firefighters will be distributing information concerning the theme for Fire Prevention Week. This year's theme, "Protect Your Family From Fire," focuses on how to protect your family from fire by planning ahead and integrating simple things into your everyday life. Firefighters will also stress the importance of this year's theme and discuss basic fire facts and home hazards.

It is important to improve safety through education. Coordinating efforts between the Fire Department, schools, and the community will improve all aspects of public safety. Our hope is that our students will utilize and share with their friends and family what they learn in school about fire safety.

Please take the time to review this very important information about fire safety.

Sincerely,

Patricia L. McGeehan, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools



## "Protect Your Family From Fire"

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### The \_\_\_\_\_ Family's Fire Safety Checklist

EVERYONE in your family has a role to play in your home's fire safety. Both adults and kids should be familiar with smoke alarms and home fire escape planning.

#### Kid's Checklist

- Does your home have smoke alarms on every level, inside each bedroom, and outside each sleeping area?
- Do you know the sound that a smoke alarm makes?
- Do you know what to do if you smoke alarm sounds?
- Are all the exits in your home clear of furniture, toys, and clutter?
- Can you see the number on your house from the street (have a grown-up go with you to check)?
- Has your family picked a safe place to meet outside if a fire occurs?

#### Grown-up's Checklist

- Are the batteries working in all your smoke alarms?
- Does your home have interconnected smoke alarms (when one sounds, they all sound)?
- Do you test the batteries in the smoke alarms at least once a month?
- Does your family have a home fire escape plan that includes two ways out of each room?
- Does your entire family practice your plan twice a year?

#### Do the Drill!

*Follow these easy steps to complete a fun family fire drill!*

1. Call the family together. Let everyone know that you are going to do a practice fire drill.
2. Explain that when the smoke alarm goes off, everyone should quickly and carefully leave the home and go to the Outside Meeting Place.
3. Ask everyone to go to a different room and wait for the alarm. After several minutes, set off the smoke alarm by pushing the test button and watch your family's actions.
4. When everyone reassembles at the Outside Meeting Place, ask each family member to explain exactly what they did when the alarm went off.
5. Review any questions and repeat the drill at least one more time.



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