



Fire Safety Education Resources for Teachers During the COVID-19 Pandemic



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This guidance was developed for teachers as they plan and implement the reopening of schools for the 2020-21 School Year in the context of COVID-19. During this challenging time, to keep firefighters and students safe from the spread of COVID-19, many departments have postponed visits to the school or to the fire station.

However, ensuring the safety of families through Fire and Life Safety Education is an essential task that must continue. Considering this, the division has developed a new resource for educators and students' families to support the continued prevention of fire through education while on a hybrid schedule or while remote learning.

About

The DFS public education web page has various programs, lessons, activities, videos and guidance.

There is also a new virtual fire safety education classroom and various links to additional fire safety resources for all age levels.

Robert Howe Fire Safety Calendar

The program is an annual event that produces a calendar featuring the artwork of 3rd grade students from around the State. The program provides a focused learning experience when children prepare fire prevention posters for each month of the calendar.

Monthly Calendar Fire Prevention Topics

- Cover – Various Fire Safety Topics – Be Creative
- January – How and When to Call 9-1-1
- February - Residential Fire Sprinkler Protection
- March - Kitchen & Cooking Safety
- April - Prevention of Grass and Brush Fires
- May - Electrical Safety
- June - Home Escape Planning / Have Two Ways Out
- July - Fireworks Safety
- August - Stop, Drop & Roll
- September - Firefighters Are Heroes; Don't Fear Firefighters in Gear
- October - Carbon Monoxide Detectors and Home Heating Safety
- November - Smoke Detectors (Maintenance & Replacement)
- December - Safe Use of Candles & Holiday Safety

For Student Artwork Submittal Instructions / Letter to Teachers go to

<https://firesafety.vermont.gov/Pubed/calendar>

The Vermont DFS Remote Fire Safety Education Classroom

The division has developed a new resource for educators and students' families to support the continued prevention of fire through education while on a hybrid schedule or while remote learning.

For access Please go to www.firesafety.vermont.gov/

Fire Prevention Week

This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!" works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe.

To find out more about Fire Prevention Week programs and activities in Your Town/City, please contact the Your local Fire Department. For more general information about Fire Prevention Week and cooking fire prevention, visit the NFPA Fire Prevention Week Website www.fpw.org.



Important things teachers must consider during Emergency Egress and Relocation Drills (Fire Drills)

- Inform all occupants and evacuate. Take the closest and safest exit route as posted. Use secondary exit route if primary exit route is blocked or hazardous.
- Follow evacuation procedures to outside assembly area (no less than 50 feet from building).
- Implement a plan for students needing special assistance evacuating.
- Take class roster and any other agreed upon paperwork necessary to account for all students.
- If you have time, shut windows and doors as you exit your classroom. Leave your room unlocked
- Do not re-enter building until given the all clear by the designated, authorized official.
- Follow the schools emergency plan and await further instruction from the official in charge.
- Insist on excellent behavior from your students, you will want your students to follow additional instructions.

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Alcohol-Based Hand Sanitizer Disinfecting Wipes

- No storage or handling of flammable liquids or gases shall be permitted in any location where such storage would jeopardize egress from the structure.
- Containers of alcohol-based hand rub shall be labeled and be a non-misting pump style dispenser
- The dispensers shall not be installed over or directly adjacent to an ignition source, ie over an electrical outlet
- Dispensers installed directly over carpeted combustible floors shall be arranged to prevent the hand rub from coming in contact with the floor.

Disinfecting Wipes containers with up to 450 wipes can be in classrooms.

- The cumulative amount of Disinfecting Wipes in any classroom cannot exceed 1 container (450 wipes).

Enhanced Fire Safety Education

The VT Division of Fire Safety is fully engaged with our partner agencies to respond to the current COVID-19 pandemic. During this challenging time, and in an effort to keep firefighters and students safe from the spread of COVID-19, many departments have postponed visits to the school or to the fire station.

Considering this, the division has developed a new resource page that has various programs, lessons, activities and videos. There are also links to additional fire safety resources for all age levels.

The programs may be used in the classroom and the interactive lessons may be completed by students during remote learning time.

Additional Resources for Families and Teachers - Essential Education Topics

To access the New [Fire Safety Education Resources Page](#), for lesson video links, additional information, updates and resources, please visit our web page www.firesafety.vermont.gov

Grade Level	Fire Safety Essential Topic Areas
Pre-K - Grade 2	Learn Not to Burn Firefighters are our friends - Recognizing the Firefighter as a Community Helper Hot, Not Hot, Sometimes hot Stop! Drop! Cover Your Face and Roll! Crawl low under smoke Keep away from matches and lighters Crawl Low Under Smoke
Grades 3-5	Robert Howe Fire Safety Calendar program Student Tools for Emergency Planning (STEP) Program Stop, Drop, Cover Your Face and Roll Junior Fire Marshal Program Escape! Because Accidents Happen Understanding Smoke and CO Alarms
Grades 6-8	Making Safe & Responsible Choices Home Fire Safety — Teens Who Care for Themselves and Others in the Home Plan Your Home Fire Escape Careers in the Fire Service Fire Safety's My Job
Grades 9-12 Collage Students	The essentials of fire safety The science of fire Home Fire Safety — home safety survey Plan Your Home Fire Escape Don't Cook If You Can't Look igot2kno program CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)
For the Family	FIRE PREVENTION WEEK – Cooking Safety The Essentials of Fire Safety Maintaining Smoke and CO Alarms Plan Your Home Fire Escape Heating Safety Preventing Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Fire Safe at Home Seasonal Fire Safety