

Safety Awareness and Fire Education - Gloucestershire
Activity Notes- Keeping safe at home

Class	Years 5 and 6
Topic:	Keeping safe at home
Activity:	4
Over view of activity	How can fires be prevented?
Notes	
Where do most fires start?	Most fires start in the kitchen, but why? Watch 'TV distraction' and 'Doorstep distraction' dvd clips.
Why do most fire start in the kitchen?	There are many reason why fires start in the kitchen, these include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People are distracted and forget about the cooking, which can result in a fire starting. • There are lots of sources of heat in a kitchen and plenty of fuel. Sources of heat include: The hob, oven, grill, toaster, microwave, kettle and other electrical items. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ovens and grills are sometimes left with fat and grease, on which can catch fire. • Crumbs build up in toasters. • Items such as t-towels or kitchen roll can be placed on hot hobs. • Metal is put in microwaves.
Where can other fires start in the home?	Examples of the causes of fires in the home include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candles • Overloaded sockets • Cigarettes • Playing with matches and lighters • Electrical faults
Sources of information	Further information, including statistics on fires, please look on www.glosfire.gov.uk