



Dear Caregivers:

Today we used some of these books, fingerplays, and other materials in our storytime. Please continue helping your child develop by sharing these at home!

# FIRE AND FIREFIGHTERS

## LETTER OF THE DAY

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## BOOKS TO SHARE

*Firefighter Pete*  
by James Dean

*My Mom Is A Firefighter*  
by Lois Grambling

*At The Firehouse*  
by Anne Rockwell

*Firefighter Frank*  
by Monica Wellington

*The Gingerbread Man  
Loose on the Fire Truck*  
by Laura Murray

*A Visit To The Fire Station  
(non-fic)*  
by B.A. Hoena

*I'm Brave!*  
by Kate McMullan

*Fire Engine No. 9*  
by Mike Austin

*Elecopter*  
by Michael Slack

*Fire! Fire! Hurry! Hurry!*  
by Andrea Zimmerman

*At The Firehouse*  
by Brian Biggs

*Flat Stanley and the  
Firehouse*  
by Lori Houran

## FUN WITH FINGERPLAYS AND SONGS

### Five Brave Firefighters [fingerplay]

Five brave firefighters  
Sleeping in a row  
Ring goes the bell  
And down one goes!

**[Verses: count down from five on your fingers]**

### Hurry, Hurry [action rhyme]

Hurry, hurry, drive the fire truck **[pretend to turn wheel]**  
Hurry, hurry, drive the fire truck **[pretend to turn wheel]**  
Hurry, hurry, drive the fire truck **[pretend to turn wheel]**  
Ding, ding, ding, ding, ding! **[ring bell]**

### I'm a Firefighter

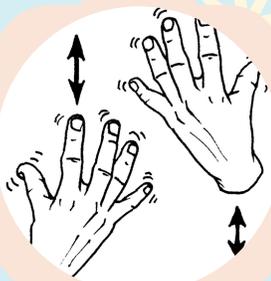
**[Tune: "I'm a Little Teapot"]**

I'm a firefighter on the go!  
Here is my helmet,  
Here is my hose!  
When I see a fire, hear me shout!  
I turn on the water  
And put that fire out!

### "Ring of Fire" by Johnny Cash (1963)

## ASL SIGN OF THE DAY

"Fire"



To sign fire, you stretch out and wiggle your fingers like the flickering flames of a fire.

Form both hands in the open, ASL number 5 sign, with your fingers wiggling back and forth. Then cycle your hand up and down in vertical circles.

## Firefighter, Firefighter [Tune: "Frere Jacques"]

Firefighter, firefighter  
You are brave, you are brave.  
Putting out the fires, putting out the fires,  
Lives you save, lives you save.

## The Big Red Firetruck [action rhyme]

The big red firetruck races down the street  
Full of ladders and hoses, isn't that neat?!  
Hear the siren blare: NEE NAW, NEE NAW  
See the water blast: WHOOSH  
The ladder goes up [*stand on your tiptoes and reach up high*]  
The ladder goes down [*hunch low to the floor*]  
I'm so glad the firetruck is in my town!

## Fire Safety Song [Tune: "What Shall We Do With The Drunken Sailor?"]

What do you dial if there's a fire,  
What do you dial if there's a fire,  
What do you dial if there's a fire,  
Dial 9-1-1!  
What do you do to plan for fire,  
What do you do to plan for fire,  
What do you do to plan for fire,  
Have a fire drill!  
What do you do if you're on fire,  
What do you do if you're on fire,  
What do you do if you're on fire,  
Stop, drop and roll!  
Who comes in a truck if there's a fire,  
Comes in a truck if there's a fire,  
Comes in a truck if there's a fire, It's the firefighter!

## MORE FUN!

### "Put Out The Fire" Game

#### Materials:

Red plastic cups  
Water gun/hose  
Foam or felt (red, orange, yellow)  
Glue

Cut out 'flames' from the felt to glue to the red plastic cups.

Have your child(ren) stack the cups into a tower (three cups is easiest, but they can challenge themselves to make higher/wider towers as well).

Have your child(ren) use the hose or water gun to 'put out the fire' by knocking down the cups.

Repeat!

*This activity is a great opportunity to talk integrate fire safety tips into playtime and practice hand-eye coordination and gross motor skills.*



Preparing even very young children for emergencies like fires is crucially important. Here are some tips:

- Teach children about smoke detectors and the sound they make so that they learn to associate that sound with a fire.
- Act out the 'stop, drop, and roll' method together.
- Make sure that children understand that fire is a tool, not a toy. Teach them to never pick up matches or lighters if they find them and to tell a grown-up immediately.

What other types of community workers/helpers can you and your child(ren) think of to list? What kinds of special tools and clothing do they wear use/wear for their work?

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