

Fire PALS

“Building a Safety Conscious Community”

Preschool Program Introduction

Fire and life safety is an integral part of growing up. The **Fire PALS Fire and Injury Prevention Preschool Program** is designed to enhance the life safety skills of our youngest citizens. Fire Statistics tell us that over 80 percent of fire deaths occur in family residences. On any given day an average of four children die from fire. Young children have a high risk of burn injuries and are twice as likely to die in fires as the general population. **Fire PALS** feels very strongly about educating preschool children about fire and injury prevention.

Fire PALS preschool program curricular activities are designed to be fun, simple and effective. A variety of manipulatives are used and hands on activities help preschool children learn and remember fire prevention messages. Each lesson contains background information for the teacher, learning objectives, vocabulary words, materials, time element, procedure for the lesson and extension activities.

Our lesson plans are enhanced with stories, songs, and puppet shows that were created for ***SESAME STREET Fire Safety Station, Fire Safety Project***. *SESAME STREET Fire Safety Station* was developed for the Federal Management Agency’s United States Fire Administration. The *SESAME STREET Fire Safety Station* CD incorporates many fun songs, puppet skits, read along stories, and poems. Preschool children delight in learning fire prevention messages from their favorite SESAME STREET characters. For a free copy of *SESAME STREET Fire Safety Station* activity guide and CD, you may fax your request to USFA, (301) 447-1213. Requests must be signed by your school director and should be submitted on school letterhead. For home school requests call (301) 447-1189.

Fire PALS preschool program is the first step in introducing fire and injury prevention messages to the children in our community. **Fire PALS** safety educators and firefighters work in collaboration with area preschool teachers to provide the most effective fire and injury prevention program designed for young children available today. The preschool teacher plays an integral part in delivering lessons, providing feedback to families, and implementing appropriate practices for 3 to 5-year-old children. Our **Fire PALS** instructors share expertise in fire safety, provide support and information to the preschool teacher and assist in the preschool classrooms

as lessons call for it. Our team approach to teaching children key behaviors to avoid fires and prevent deaths and injuries is an important safety component in our community. As children grow, our Kindergarten through 5th grade **Fire PALS** program provides more information and skills designed to match children's growing cognitive and physical abilities. **Fire PALS** is dedicated to the children in our community and is proud to assist **Waterloo Fire Rescue** in *"Building a Safety Conscious Community."*