

Fire PALS Safety Trailer Saves Lives



Waterloo Fire Rescue

Waterloo, Iowa

Firefighter Matt prepares students for the safety trailer experience.



1. We discussed dialing 911. We were told to give our exact location and not to hang up until the operator tells us.
2. We learned what a smoke detector sounds like. We learned to check them once a month and change the batteries at least once a year.

We discussed emergencies and what to do in case of a fire.



1. Sleeping with your bedroom doors closed at night will help prevent smoke and heat from entering the room.
2. We learned to check doors for heat before opening them.

Firefighter Dustin is waiting for us to enter the safety trailer.



We learned that we should have 2 ways out of our bedrooms in case one is blocked by heat, smoke or fire.



In the kitchen area of the safety trailer, we learned about cooking safety, to be careful when using hot water and how to identify poisons and chemicals that are sometimes stored under the kitchen sink.



We saw how smoke fills a room at the top at first, so we practiced staying low and crawling under the smoke.



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We practiced escaping from a window in the safety trailer.



We learned that practicing your home escape plan is very important!



1. Once outside, stay outside. Never go back into a burning building!
2. Have a family meeting place, a safe distance away from the house.
3. Call 911 from a neighbor's house.