



ADAMS COUNTY FIRE RESCUE

Children and Fire

- One fourth of all children fire fatalities are from fires started by children.
- Never leave children unattended around fires, grills, stoves or heating devices.
- Children are naturally curious about fire, so keep an eye on them.
- Teach children that fire, matches and lighters are not toys.
- If a child repeatedly plays with fire or seems to have a morbid fascination with fire, seek professional help at once.
- If youngsters live with you or stay overnight occasionally, be sure that they know the escape plan and about the safe meeting place.
- Make sure children know to never hide in the event of a fire. Teach them to get out and meet at the designated place.
- Teach them to recognize the sound of a smoke alarm and what to do when they hear it.
- Teach children how to crawl to safety in the event of a fire. Teach them how to touch doors with the back of the hand to feel for heat.
- Remind children to not be afraid of firefighters in their full gear. They are there to help them!