

## Fire Safety - Teachers Notes/Lesson Plans

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### Activity 3 – Hoses and Ladders

#### Curriculum for Excellence Experiences and Outcomes

I am learning to assess and manage risk, to protect myself and others and to reduce the potential for harm when possible. **HWB 0-16a.**

**1. Connecting the Learning** - Remind the class about Safe Syd's visit to the Fire Station and all the things they learned. Explain that in this activity they are going to play a game in which will they will need to use everything they have learned to help finish the game.

#### **2. Sharing the Learning Outcomes -**

- I can recall facts about the fire station and the equipment firefighters use.
- I can take turns to play a board game.

**3. Active Learning** - Play the 'Hoses and Ladders' game either with a group at a time on the interactive whiteboard or in pairs on individual computers. Explain that the game is very like 'Snakes and Ladders'. Ask a few children to explain the rules of Snakes and Ladders and emphasise the importance of taking turns. In this game instead of a board with squares there is a block of flats with lots of doors. If you land on a ladder you go up but if you land on a hose you go down. There are also doors with question marks. If you land on one of these you need to answer a question about fire safety to move on. (There are some ideas for answers to the questions below.) Have a practice round on the interactive whiteboard. (Click on the dice to 'roll' it).

**4. Demonstrating Understanding** - Ask the children if they can think of any more questions about firefighters or fire safety that could be added to the game. Remind them that they need to either know the answers or how to find the answer. There could also be a class list of other questions to be answered.

**5. Review and Recall** - 'What have we learned?' Who was good at remembering the fire safety facts? Who could remember facts about firefighters and the fire station? Which children were good at taking turns in the game?

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### **Questions and suggested answers (from Hoses and Ladders game):**

**Name one thing you would find on a fire engine?** Hose, ladder, helmet, firefighters, etc.

**Why do firefighters use a drop pole?** To reach fires in the shortest time as fires spread quickly, emphasis on dangers of fire.

**Why do firefighters have to stay fit and healthy?** Difficult job, they have to run in to buildings, rescue people, climb ladders, etc.

**What should you do if you find matches or lighters?** Tell a parent/carer so they can hide them in a safe place.

**Why should you tidy your things away at night before you go to bed?** So there is a clear path to the door in case you need to get out in the event of a fire.

**Who can you phone to give you a free smoke alarm, if you do not have one in your home?**  
The fire and rescue service will provide one for free-just phone your local station.

**What is the emergency number to phone if there is a fire in your home?** 999.

**Name one thing that a fire fighter wears?** Uniform, helmet, breathing set etc.