

A fire department is  
a very important  
organization.

Fire departments are responsible for responding to fires in many types of buildings, such as homes, offices, stores, and other places. They also respond to forest fires. Fire departments are sometimes called fire brigades. The department or brigade is broken down into companies.

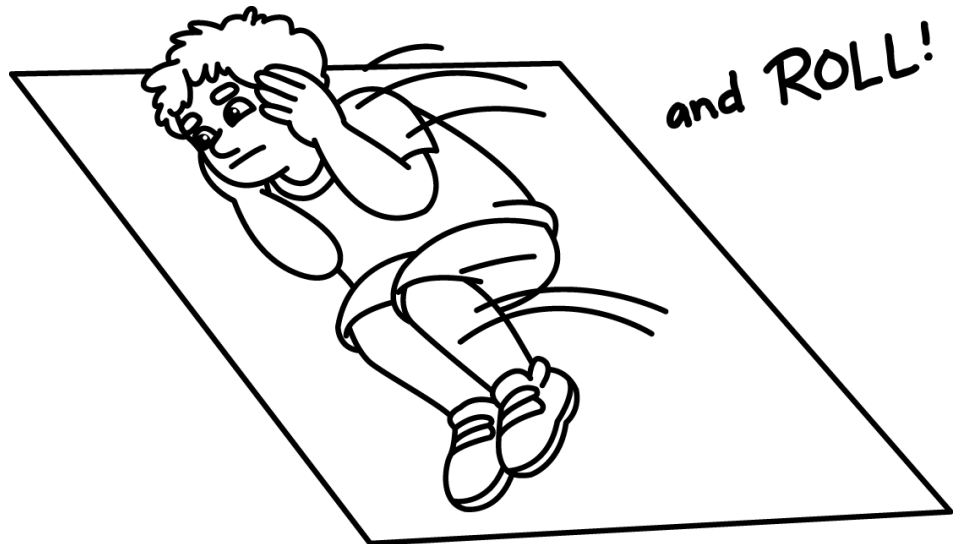
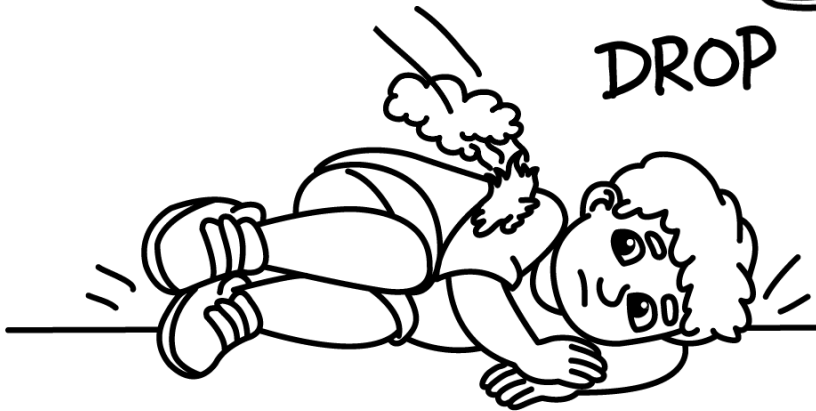
When a fire alarm or smoke detector goes off, it warns the people in the building that they should leave and get help immediately. Some fire alarms do not go off automatically. You will see that they have a handle on them that says "Pull Down." This means if you know there is a fire, you should pull the handle down to make the fire alarm go off and warn others in the building. NEVER set off a fire alarm if there is not really an emergency. To make people leave a building and call the fire department to come could put others in danger. Someone could get hurt hurrying to leave the building, and the fire department could be on its way to you when a real fire starts somewhere else. Others could be hurt or killed in the real fire.



Children should  
never cook without  
an adult present.

Not only could a person start a fire when cooking if they are not careful, they could get badly burned themselves. It is important to have an adult around when you are cooking so you can learn the safe way to do things to prevent fires and not get burned. Adults can also help reach things you can not reach, so not only is it safer, it's more fun for everyone, too!

STOP  
DROP  
ROLL



Stop, drop, and roll!

If any fire gets on your clothes or on you, stop running immediately. Running will not help put out the fire. Next, drop to the floor or ground as quickly as you can. Finally, roll on the floor or the ground. This will cause the fire to not be able to get air and it will go out. Be sure to keep rolling until you know the fire is out!