



FIRE RESCUE

VICTORIA

COMIC BOOK



Firefighters Mel and Vic have lots of cool safety stuff, just for kids! Games and Safety Hints. They will also tell you about your fire service..

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WELCOME



Hi kids! We're Firefighters Vic and Mel.
Welcome to the Fire Rescue Victoria comic book!
Keep reading, follow the story and you'll find
out more about keeping you, your family
and your home safe from fire!

HOW IT ALL STARTED...

Firefighter Vic, Firefighter Mel and their crew were fighting a house fire. The neighbourhood kids heard the sirens and came to find out what was happening. When they saw the house on fire they became very worried about Mrs Simons, the lady who lived there ...

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Look!
Mrs Simons' house
is on fire. Check out
all that smoke

Do you reckon
she's alright?

Who called
the fire
brigade?

How do you
think the
fire started?



How did the fire start?

Is Mrs Simons OK?

How did you know she had a fire? Who called you?

What should Jack and I do if we have a fire in our house?

How do you breathe when you go into a fire?

Hey! Slow down kids. Don't panic! There's a lot you want to know.

Our house won't burn down too will it?

How can we make sure we don't have a fire in our house?

We don't know how this fire started yet. Just let us finish up here and Vic and I will answer all your fire safety questions.

LATER

When the fire was still small Mrs Simon's was woken by the smoke alarm in her bedroom.

There must be at least one **SMOKE ALARM** on each level of your home

You should **TEST** your **SMOKE ALARM EVERY MONTH** by pressing the test button. You will hear **BEEP! BEEP! BEEP!** if it is working.

FIRE SAFETY HINTS

The **Battery in SMOKE ALARMS** that have a 9-volt battery needs to be changed **Every Year.**

ONLY WORKING SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

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BEEP!
BEEP!
BEEP!

That's right Tara and it's a good idea to install **SMOKE ALARMS** in all living areas, hallways and bedrooms

**FIRE SAFETY
HINTS**

All SMOKE ALARMS need to be changed every ten years. Replace all old **SMOKE ALARMS** with ones that have **10 YEAR LITHIUM** batteries.

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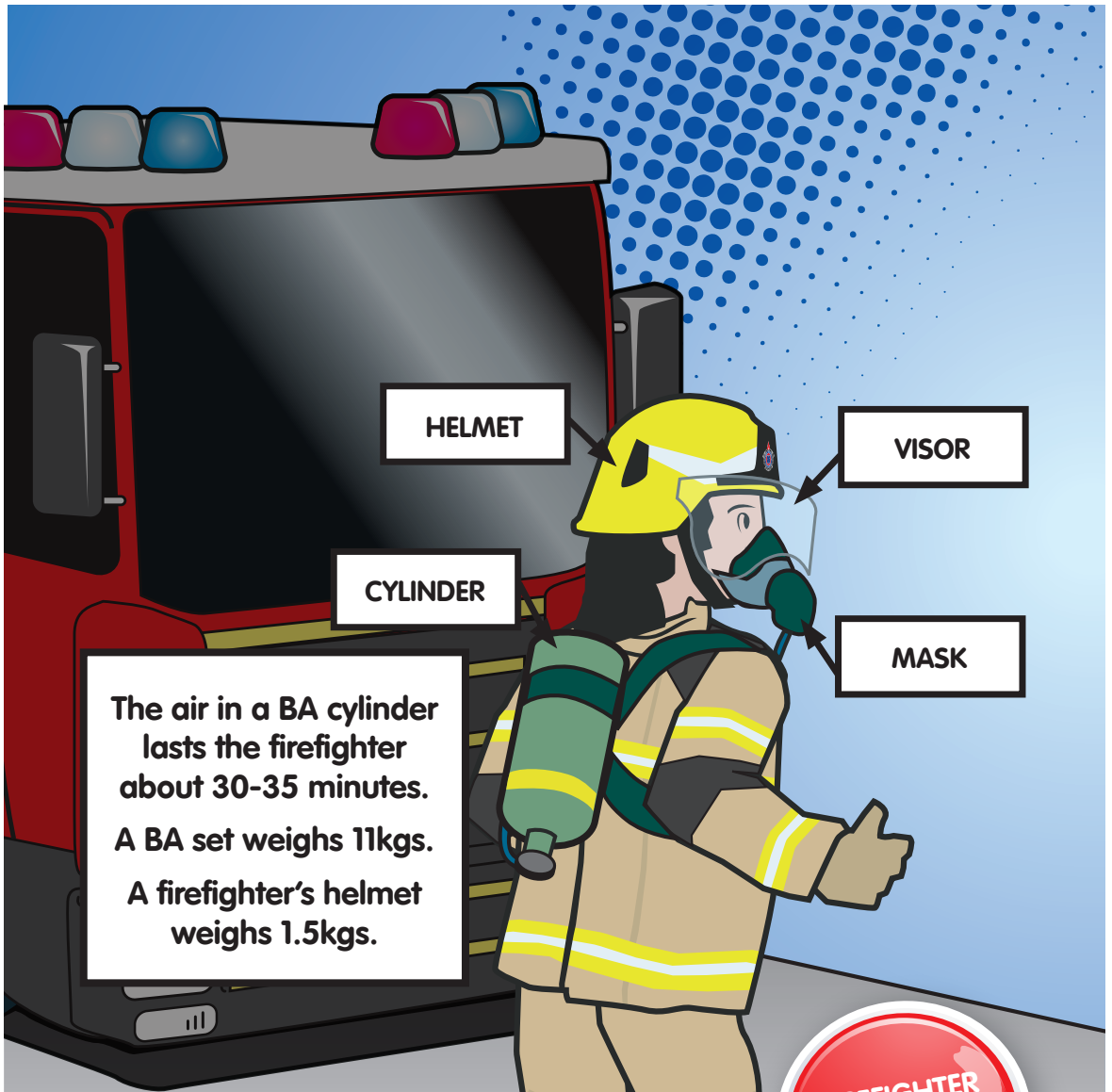
FIRE!
GET OUT!

Mrs Simons knew that it would be dangerous to walk or run through the smoke. She knew that there would be less smoke near the floor, so she crawled until she was out!

**FIRE SAFETY
FACT**

When there is smoke...
You can see better near the floor and you
can breathe better near the floor, so...
if escaping through smoke is the only way
to get out of your home....

CRAWL DOWN LOW and GO, GO, GO!!!



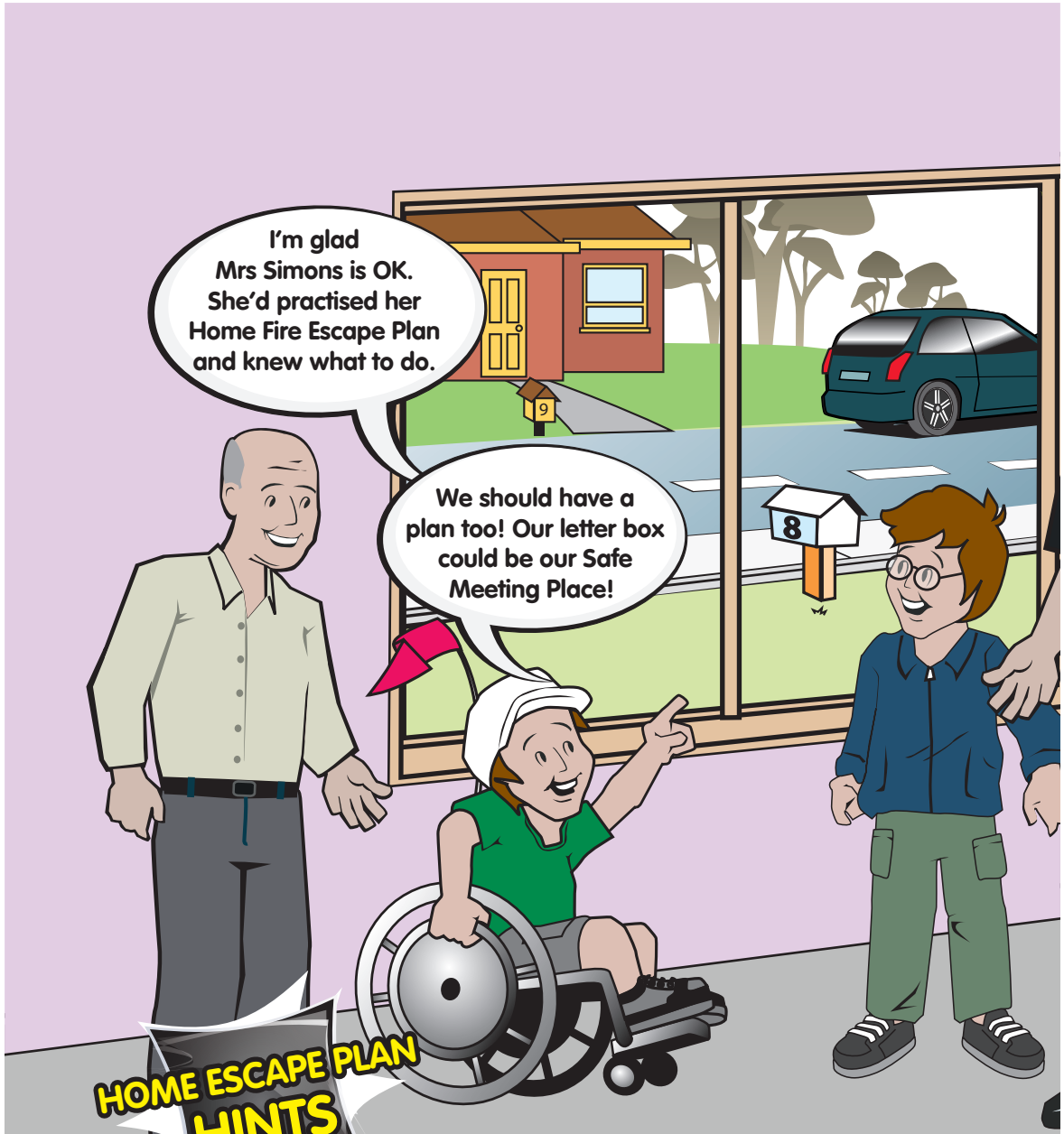
The air in a BA cylinder lasts the firefighter about 30-35 minutes.
A BA set weighs 11kgs.
A firefighter's helmet weighs 1.5kgs.

FIREFIGHTER FACT

Firefighters wear Breathing Apparatus (BA) when they are putting out fires, so they don't breathe in the smoke.

The two main parts of the BA are an air cylinder and a face mask.

The cylinder is full of clean air for the firefighter to breathe. The mask protects the face and eyes and helps the firefighter to see better.



I'm glad Mrs Simons is OK. She'd practised her Home Fire Escape Plan and knew what to do.

We should have a plan too! Our letter box could be our Safe Meeting Place!

HOME ESCAPE PLAN HINTS

1. Decide on your plan
2. Know 2 ways out of every room
3. Have a Safe Meeting Place
4. Practise your plan



IF THERE IS FIRE OR SMOKE IN YOUR HOME:

- 1. CRAWL DOWN LOW** and stay out of the smoke
- 2. CLOSE DOORS** to slow spread of fire and smoke
- 3. ALERT OTHER PEOPLE** on the way out
- 4. Go to your SAFE MEETING PLACE**
- 5. NEVER GO BACK INSIDE**
- 6. Call 000 (zero, zero, zero)**



Make sure you can always get out of your home quickly in an emergency. DON'T GET LOCKED IN


SAFE MEETING PLACE



Your family should choose a safe place to meet if you have a fire.

It should be:

- **away from fire and smoke coming from your home.**
- **off the road.**
- **somewhere the firefighters will see you when they arrive.**



After Mrs Simons got out of her house she rang **000** on her mobile phone and said her house was on fire. Then we got the call to come and help. Our station is just around the corner.

FIRE SAFETY HINTS

000

Even if your phone has no reception you can still use it to call **000**

FIRE SAFETY FACT

When you ring **000** (zero, zero, zero) and say 'FIRE' the operator asks you for your address.

Do you know your address?
You should know your street number and name, your suburb and the nearest cross street



SKY HIGH TOWERS

If you live in a HIGH RISE BUILDING do you know:

- 1. Where the stairwells and fire exits are?**
- 2. Where the Emergency Assembly Area is?**
- 3. The sound of the Evacuation Alarm?**
- 4. What to do if you hear the fire alarm?**



If you can't get out of your apartment safely close the door between yourself and the fire and stop the smoke entering your room. Call **000** (zero, zero, zero), tell the operator where you are and that you need help to get out.

My family lives in a high-rise building. Is there any more we should know about escaping a fire?

You should all know what the Emergency Evacuation Plan is for your building.





When leaving the house or going to bed switch off all electrical appliances at the wall.



Let an adult know if an appliance is not in good working order so it can be repaired or thrown out

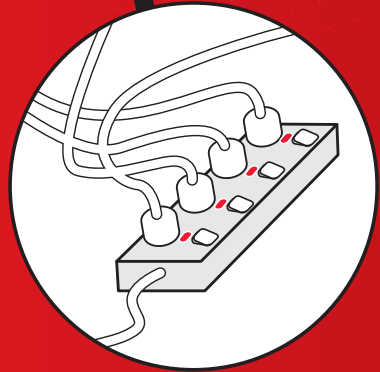
Keep all electrical appliances away from water



ELECTRIC
Anything **ELECTRIC**
cause a fire if no

All your **PORTABLE DEVICES** should have good air flow around them when they are on. Keep them off the bed, carpet and couch.

It is dangerous to plug too many things into a power board or power point. Use power boards safely.



Use good quality phone and tablet chargers. Switch them off when not in use.



RICITY
ELECTRICAL can
not used SAFELY


Matches can start fires.

I know you never muck
around with matches
or lighters.



**FIRE SAFETY
HINTS**

If you find
matches or a lighter,
do not touch them.
Tell an adult.



Hey Ali! Hi Zak!
Did you know that chemicals
stored in your garage or shed can
start fires? Some are poisonous
too so they need to be stored or
locked up safely.

**FIRE SAFETY
HINTS**

Petrol, oils, cleaning fluids and chlorine are dangerous chemicals and should be locked away. Adults should check labels and follow the instructions. Containers without lids or labels, or ones that are leaking can be dangerous.

If clothes are hung too close to a heater to dry, they can catch fire. Keep everything at least 1 metre away from a heater.



If your clothes catch fire, running around will make it worse. Remember:



1. **STOP** moving



2. **DROP** to the floor



3. **COVER** your face with your hands



4. **ROLL** backwards and forwards until the fire is out.

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FIRE SAFETY
FACT

OUCH!
That hurts!



**FIRE SAFETY
HINTS**

If you get a small burn or scald, run cool water over it for 15-20 minutes. This will cool it and stop it getting worse.

Burns come from being too close to fire or touching a hot object. Scalds come from being in contact with hot liquid or steam.

IF YOU BURN YOURSELF, TELL AN ADULT STRAIGHT AWAY! If the burn is bigger than a 20c coin you will need to go to a doctor.

**FIRE SAFETY
FACT**

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SUMMER FIRE SAFETY

What can you kids tell me about summer fire safety?

If your home is near grassland, paddocks or bush you should remove anything that can burn easily from around your home and fence line.

We shouldn't travel to high bushfire danger places on high fire risk days.



BE FIRE READY THIS SEASON!

Even if you live in a city or town you and your family need to know how to prepare and what to do if a grass or bush fire starts near you. If you live next to grassland and a grass fire starts, you and your family should walk two streets back from the fire.

FIRE SAFETY
FACT

Well done. If a bush or grass fire starts near your home move at least two streets away from the fire.

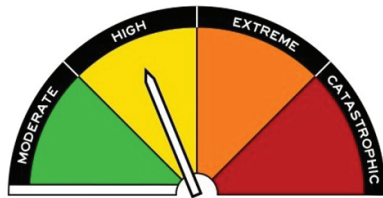
Everyone should get the Vic Emergency Smartphone App.

FIRE SAFETY HINTS

For today's Fire Danger Rating or for information on fire emergencies near you:

- Use the VicEmergency App
- Go to the FRV or CFA website
- Listen to local radio
- Watch TV

YOUR FIRE RISK TODAY IS



BE READY TO ACT

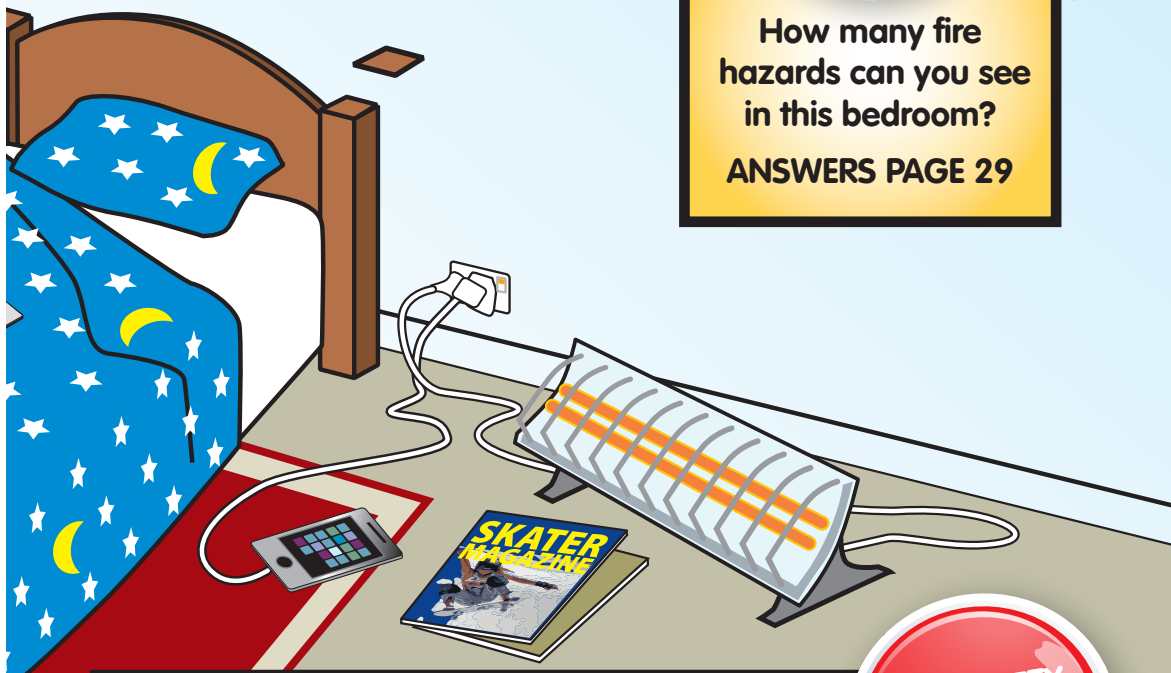


BEDROOM DANGERS

FIRE SAFETY SEARCH

How many fire hazards can you see in this bedroom?

ANSWERS PAGE 29



FIRE SAFETY FACT

In more than 9 out of 10 house fires, someone was in the home when the fire started.

There are more house fires in the cooler months than in the warmer months.

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KITCHEN HAZARDS!

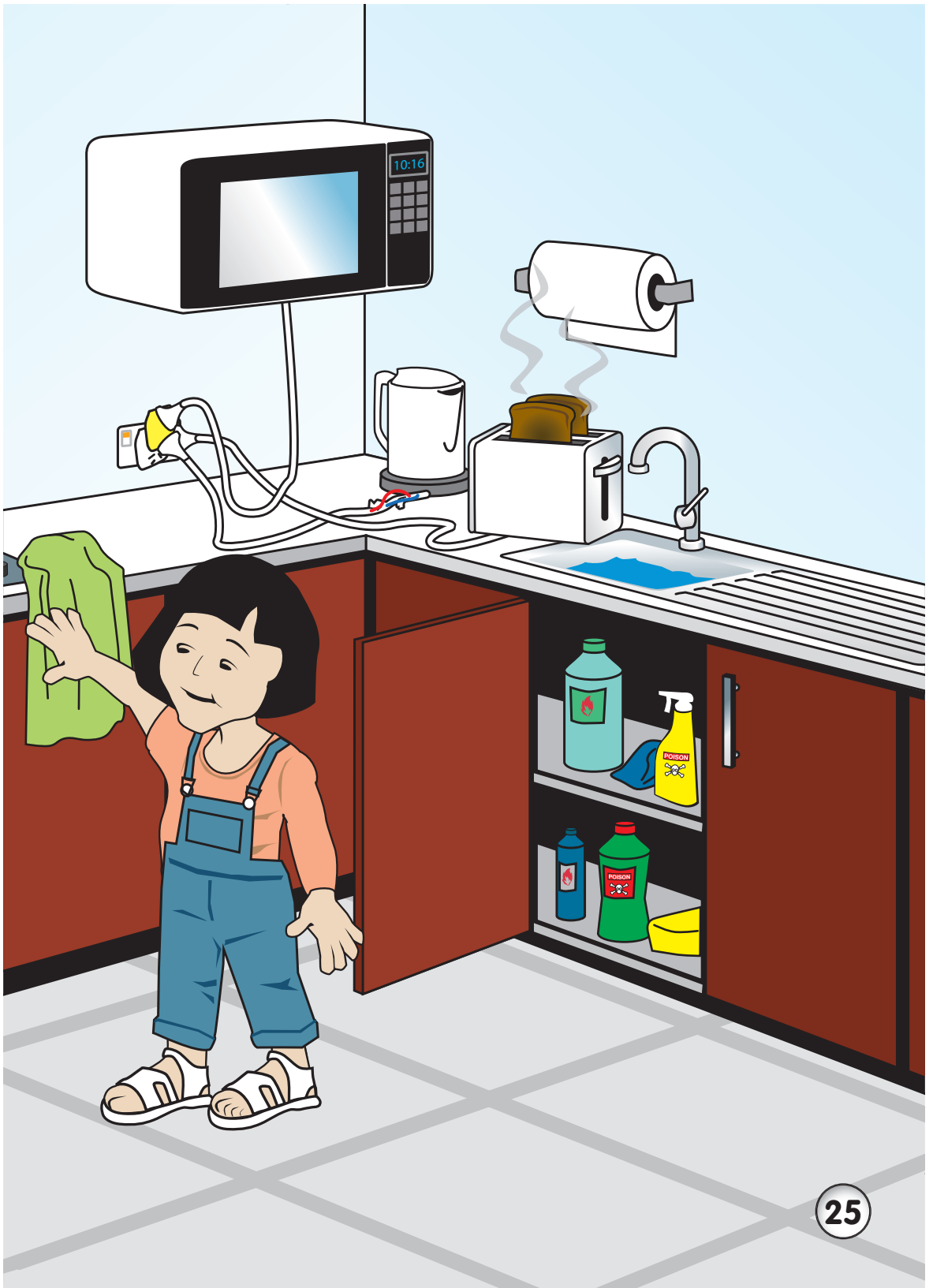
SAFETY SEARCH

How many hazards can you see in this kitchen?

ANSWERS PAGE 29.

FIRE SAFETY FACT

Almost a half of house fires start in the kitchen. An adult should always be in the kitchen while something is cooking.



LATER THAT WEEK...



There's Firefighter Vic!

There's Firefighter Mel!

How come you're here at the festival? I don't see any fire!

G'Day kids.
I remember you all from the other day. There isn't any fire, but firefighters don't only put out fires you know. We get called out to help people who've had heart attacks and we also rescue people from car crashes.

But today we are here to teach people about fire safety. If there is an emergency somewhere they will call us on our radio and we will respond from here!

Can we look in the fire truck?

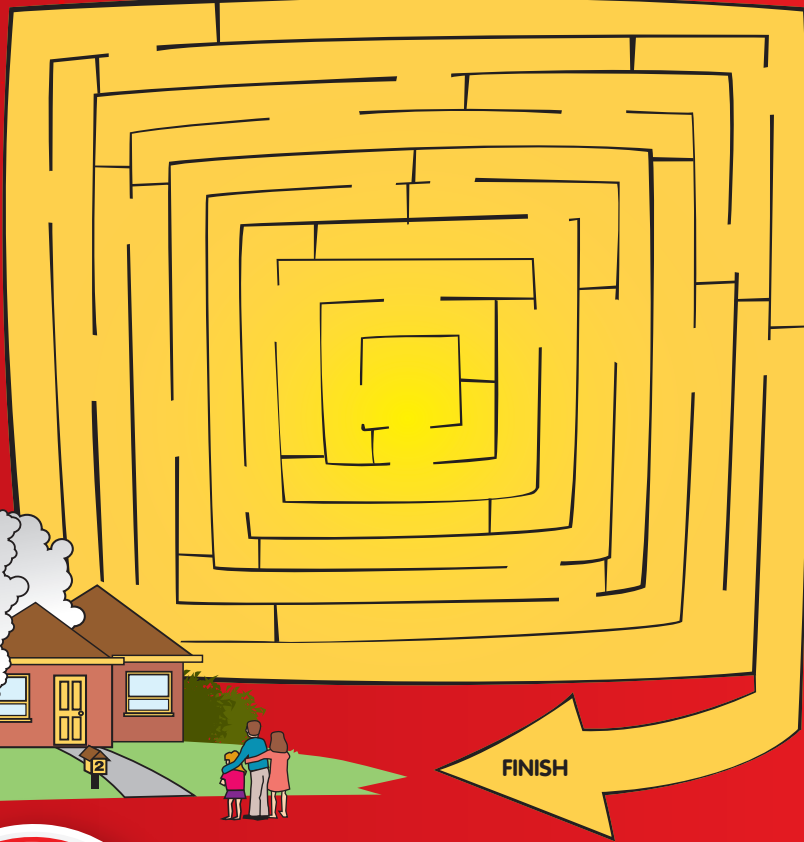
Have you rescued anyone today?

MAZE

How quickly can you drive the truck to the fire?



START



FIRE SAFETY
QUIZ

You can test your fire
safety knowledge here:



WORD FIND



T	H	E	E	S	H	O	S	E
T	O	Y	M	O	Y	B	A	N
U	T	R	E	S	D	R	S	M
A	L	A	R	M	R	I	M	O
Z	K	E	G	W	A	G	O	A
E	B	L	E	A	N	A	K	A
R	U	R	N	T	T	D	E	M
O	R	S	C	E	T	E	O	D
A	N	Y	Y	R	F	I	R	E

FIND THESE...

ALARM

EMERGENCY

HYDRANT

BAN

FIRE

SMOKE

BRIGADE

HOSE

WATER

BURN

HOT

ZERO

What do the remaining letters say?

BEDROOM DANGERS: • Candles burning near curtains and wastepaper bin • Clothes on the TV vent and lamp • Many power cords plugged into both wall sockets • Laptop on bed • Phone charging on rug • Heater near paper • Matches and a lighter in reach of children. **KITCHEN HAZARDS:** • No adult in kitchen while something is cooking • Young child alone in kitchen • Pot and frying pan handles turned outwards • Dirty vent on rangehood above stove • T-towel close to stove • Many power cords plugged into one wall socket • Frayed cord on kettle • Toaster too close to paper towel and water • Hazardous chemicals in reach of children.

HOME FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- Test your smoke alarms every month
- Remove all fire hazards from your home
- Make a Home Fire Escape Plan. Practise it regularly
- If a fire occurs - Get Out, Stay Out and call Triple Zero (000)



To find out more about home fire safety scan the QR Code:

