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# ONE STOP EDUCATOR

*Educator's One Stop Resource  
for Monthly Fire & Life Safety Quick Teaching Topics*

This September edition of *ONE STOP EDUCATOR* will provide educators with teaching information and links to support topics discussed in this month's *SAFETY EDUCATOR NEWSLETTER*. It will also provide a reliable resource for 3rd grade students wishing to participate in the Annual Fire & Life Safety Calendar Contest!



## DISASTER PREPAREDNESS:

### Why teach Disaster Preparedness at School?

Children depend on daily routines. They wake up, eat breakfast, go to school, play with friends. When emergencies or disasters interrupt this routine, many children may become anxious. In a disaster, they'll look to you and other adults for help. How you react to an emergency gives them clues on how to act. If you react with alarm, your child may become more scared. They see your fear as proof that the danger is

real. By teaching and preparing an emergency plan, as well as a creating a preparedness kit with your students, students can bring learned skills learned home, where they can assist their families in becoming prepared for such emergencies.

Click on links below for information on how to teach students about Disaster Preparedness:

- \* [Types of Disasters that require Disaster Preparedness](#)
- \* [Build A Preparedness Kit](#)
- \* [Create a Communication Plan for the event of an Emergency](#)



## FIREFIIGHTERS ARE YOUR FRIENDS!

SEPTEMBER ANNUAL FIRE & LIFE SAFETY CALENDAR CONTEST MATERIAL!



A firefighter is a community helper who protects people from fire and keeps them safe. Firefighters work for the fire department and can help us in many ways. Firefighters wear special clothes and equipment to keep them safe. Some children are scared by the look and sounds of firefighter equipment. Explaining how the equipment helps a firefighter stay safe while working is important. Becoming familiar with the role of the firefighter and the sight and sound of the equipment can lessen a child's potential fear during a fire and encourage cooperation during life-saving fire rescue incidents.

1. Explain how firefighters are community helpers.
2. Explain how a uniform helps a community helper stay safe.
3. Acknowledge that children do not need to fear firefighters, even when they are wearing gear.
4. Watch a short [Sparky the Fire Dog Video](#).



**TEACHERS... BE SURE TO CHECK OUT AND DOWNLOAD THE FREE LESSON PLAN!**