



Smoke Alarm Challenge

Firefighters at the station know when they are needed to go to fight a fire because all over the station bells ring to alert them.

There are some firefighters who don't work at the fire station all the time, they have other jobs as well. They know when they are needed to hurry to the fire station as they carry an alerter which also makes a very loud noise. There is a printer at the fire station which gives them all the details and the address which they need to go to.

How would you know if there was fire or smoke in your home? Lots of people think they would smell the smoke, but when we go to sleep so does our nose and our sense of smell. We need something that can smell the smoke at any time, something that never needs to go to sleep!

Can you think of something which we have at home that will warn us if there is smoke or fire?

Well done if you thought of the smoke alarm.

It is probably hiding up on the ceiling. That's a great place for it to be because if there is a fire that's where the smoke goes first. Smoke always rises up.

It's important that we know what to do if the smoke alarm does go off. **What do you think you should do if you hear the smoke alarm?**

Did you get it right? We need to

GET OUT, STAY OUT, CALL 999

We have some challenges for you about smoke alarms, how many can you complete?

- Can you walk all around your home and see how many smoke alarms you can spot?
- Can you get an adult to help you to check that all the smoke alarms work? How often do you need to do this?

To do this they need to press the test button.

How often do you think the adults need to do this?

*In the fire service we have something called ‘**Test it Tuesday**’, which means we test our smoke alarms once a week on Tuesday. You can choose any day but remember ‘**Once a week**’*

- The firefighters need to know where they have to go. To help them to find the place quickly we need to give them the address. Do you know where you live? **Can you write or tell an adult your address?** Remember you need to know the number or name of your home as well as the name of the road or street and the name of the village, town or city that you live in.
- **Can you draw a picture of your smoke alarm?** Maybe you could give it a funny face!
- **Can you tell an adult what you should all do if the smoke alarm goes off?**

