A Fire Safety Comic Book

Here are some tips for you from El Gato and The Consumer Product Safety Commission

If your home catches fire... GET OUT FAST!

STAY LOW
○ Smoke can kill!
○ Crawl on your hands and knees to stay under the smoke.

FEEL THE DOOR
○ If the door feels hot, don’t open it.
○ Go to a window and yell for help.

MEET OUTSIDE
○ Stay out!
○ Have a place to meet.

HERE IS WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW...
○ Get smoke detectors for early warning.
○ Choose a place to meet outside.

○ Have two exits for each room.
○ Plan your family escape.
○ Practice your family escape.
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GATO, YOUR BIKE SOUNDS TERRIBLE. IT LOOKS LIKE AN ACCIDENT LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO HAPPEN!

NO. THIS BICYCLE IS IN GREAT SHAPE IT JUST NEEDS TO BE CLEANED UP.

HUMPH! I'LL BELIEVE IT WHEN I SEE IT.

HEY, WHY ARE YOU USING GASOLINE? THAT'S DANGEROUS STUFF!
SHOULDN'T YOU BE USING SOMETHING ELSE?

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS?

THE ROOM IS FULL OF VAPORS. IT COULD EXPLODE!

OH, FLAKE OFF FEATHER FACE. THERE'S NO FLAME HERE

THE PILOT LIGHT COULD....

BOOM

YOU LIGHT UP MY LIFE...

Gasoline fumes can burn or explode!

- Never clean anything with gasoline.
- Never use or keep gasoline indoors.
THE LATE, LATE SHOW WILL BEGIN AFTER THESE MESSAGES.

SIGH

IT'S PAST ONE. AREN'T YOU SLEEPY YET?

NO. I WANT TO SEE THIS. WHY DON'T YOU GO TO BED?

I CAN'T SLEEP WITH THIS THING ON.

THEN GO SOMEWHERE ELSE, BIG BEAK.

GLADLY, ANYTHING TO GET AWAY FROM YOU AND ALL THAT SMOKE!
Smoke from an upholstered furniture fire can kill you before the heat wakes you up!

© Never smoke around upholstered furniture when you are sleepy.
I have got one hot date tonight!

Oh, gosh! Look at the time!
YOU'RE PLUGGING IN ANOTHER ONE? YOU'VE ALREADY OVERLOADED THAT EXTENSION CORD!

WHIRR "Hey, fur brain, this is really dumb. You're gonna get blown away again. This cord is getting very hot!"

NO! YOU'RE GONNA GET BLOWN AWAY! LEAVE ME ALONE!

MEANWHILE THE CORD CONTINUES TO OVERHEAT AND DOES CATCH FIRE.

WHERE DO YOU WANT IT, MR GATO?

WHOOSH

Extension cords can cause fires!

- Never plug too many things into an extension cord (usually no more than one).
- Don't use worn or damaged extension cords.
WHERE ARE THE MATCHES?

WHOSE BIRTHDAY IS IT GATO?

EL GATITO'S

WOW! IT LOOKS GOOD.

Yeah, that's nice, isn't it?

Happy Birthday, Gatito

Oops, forgot the ice cream!

What flavor is it? Got any sesame seed?
But while gato is in the kitchen, gatito finds the matches left on the table top and...

Quick, roll him back and forth to put the fire out!

I didn't even get any ice cream.

Children playing with matches or lighters can cause fires!

- Never leave matches or lighters where children can reach them.
- Never leave small children alone.
There goes the kite! It's falling!

My kite! My kite! Please, get my kite, Uncle Gato!

Danger Keep out
YOU CRAZY CAT! THOSE WIRES ARE DANGEROUS! GET DOWN!

I'M NOT GONNA TOUCH THE WIRES. YOU THINK I'M STUPID? I'VE SEEN KIDS UP HERE A MILLION TIMES.

WHAT HAPPENED? I DIDN'T EVEN TOUCH THE WIRES.

Electricity can jump from a wire and burn or kill you!

Do not climb poles to any wires.
I CAN'T WAIT TO TRY THIS FRY BREAD.

YOU'D BETTER LOWER THE FLAME UNDER THAT GREASE.

THAT HOT COFFEE BURNED EL GATITO! RUN COLD WATER ON THE BURN!

ME YEOOW
That's a bad burn, I've got to get help!

<HUMOROUS SCENE WITH A CAT AND A SINK>

The grease is burning!

<ANIMALS AND A VACATION SPOT>

Don't pick it up! Put a lid on it! Don't put water on it!

<ANIMALS AND A FIRE>

Hot liquids can burn you!
- Keep hot liquids away from children.
- Never let oil or grease overheat on the stove.
- Never put water on a grease fire.
BANG  RATTLE  BANG

WHY DON'T YOU READ THE INSTRUCTIONS?

WHO NEEDS INSTRUCTIONS? CATS HAVE NATURAL SMARTS.

YOU JUST MAKE A HOLE AND STICK THE PIPE THROUGH.
Let's see how this baby works.

This place is full of smoke!

Oh, my gosh. The wall's on fire!

Woosh!

Now, shall we read the instructions?

A coal or wood-burning stove can cause fires, burns or death from smoke!

- Make sure your stove is set up in the right way.
DON'T MAKE THAT TOO HOT, GATO. SOMEONE'S GOT TO SIT IN IT.

IT'S ALREADY TOO HOT!

THERE'S THE PHONE.

RING

HELLO?

WOW

HELLO GATO

SIGH

I WANT MY RUBBER DUCKIE. WHERE'S MY RUBBER DUCKIE?
GATO, THE KID IS HEADED FOR THE HOT WATER.

I'LL FIND MY DUCKIE.

THERE'S MY DUCKIE!
NO IT'S HOT

MEYOW

WHOOPS!

SPLASH

RIP

UNCLE GATO, I BROUGHT MY RUBBER DUCKIE FOR YOU.

Hot water from the faucet can cause serious burns!

© Never allow small children to be alone in the bathroom.
El Gato had nine chances at life, you have only one... DON'T BURN IT AWAY!
I won't make these mistakes again!

Now I have one life, just like you!
Here Are 8 Fire Dangers and How to Avoid Them...

DANGER #1 Liquids that can catch fire fast!

Some of these are:
- gasoline
- nail polish remover
- kerosene
- furniture polish
- lighter fluid
- rubbing alcohol
- campstove or lantern fuel
- oil-based paints
- paint thinners
- rubber and contact cements
- charcoal lighter fluid
- wood stain

- Keep these liquids away from flames, heat or sparks.
- Never smoke around these liquids.
- Never keep gasoline indoors or in the trunk of a car.

DANGER #2 Smoking in bed or around upholstered furniture.

- More people die in bed and upholstery fires than in any other kind of fire.
- Never smoke in bed.
- Don't smoke around upholstered furniture if you are sleepy, or drinking alcohol, or have taken medicine.

DANGER #3 Extension cords.

- Don't use worn or damaged extension cords.
- Don't run extension cords under rugs.
- Don't let children chew or suck on extension cords...they can get shocked or burned.

DANGER #4 Matches and children.

- Never leave matches or lighters where children can reach them.
- Use only safety or strike-on-cover type matches.

DANGER #5 Power lines.

- Stay away from any overhead power lines. Do not climb poles.
- You don't have to touch a power line to get burned.
- Keep things made of metal away from overhead lines...especially ladders or C.B. and TV antennas.

DANGER #6 Kitchen burns.

- Don't let children play near a stove.
- Keep hot liquids away from children.
- Don't leave hot oil or grease on the stove.
- Watch what you wear near a stove. Loose sleeves and flowing clothing can catch fire.

DANGER #7 Coal or wood-burning stoves.

- Make sure your stove is set up the right way.
- Let an expert do it or follow instructions carefully.
- If your stove is not set up the right way:
  - leaking smoke could kill you.
  - floors or walls could get too hot and catch fire.
- Hot sparks from your stove can set your clothes on fire.
- Keep these things away from your stove:
  - upholstered furniture, drapes, curtains, newspapers, wood and other things that can catch fire.

DANGER #8 Hot water from faucets.

- Hot water from a faucet can give you serious burns!
- Never let small children be alone in the bathroom.
- Always make sure the bath water is not too hot before you or small children get in.
If your clothing catches fire...

**DON'T RUN...**

If you burn yourself...

**COOL IT!**
- Cool the burn with cold water.
- Never put grease, butter or ointments on a burn.
- Do not clean the burn.
- Call for medical help.

**DROP AND ROLL BACK AND FORTH**
...to smother the flames.

If your pan catches fire...

**COVER IT!**
- Turn off the burner.
- Slide the lid over the pan.
- Never use water on a grease fire.
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