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## GA Hands & Voices and Cherokee Fire Department Present: Fire Safety Video for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

### TRANSCRIPT:

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Hi, I'm Scarlett Giles with [Georgia Hands and Voices Guide By Your Side Program](#). We are partnering with [Cherokee Fire Department](#) to make a safety video, and we want to gear this toward our Deaf and Hard of Hearing children. Please watch and enjoy.

Sgt. Pennie

Lamanac

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#### The Fire Triangle

So now I want to talk about the fire triangle, a bit of chemistry. It takes **three elements** to come together to make and sustain a flame. Those three things are **oxygen, fuel, and heat**. **Oxygen is everywhere**. It's inside, it's outside, it's in the car, it's in the mountains, it's at the ocean. Oxygen is everywhere. And **fuel is defined as anything that will burn**. And most things will burn. Even some metals will burn. So, **all we need then is heat**. We need a heat source or an ignition source. If we have that, then we would have all three things, and we would be able to have a fire. So you have oxygen everywhere, you've got it inside, you've got it outside, you've got it in the mountains, you have it at the ocean, oxygen is everywhere. And if fuel is defined as anything that will burn, most things will burn, even some metals will burn. So all you need to complete that fire triangle is a heat source or an ignition source.

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If you have ever went to unplug your smart phone or your tablet or your laptop, and you feel the cord and the cord's warm, that could be a **heat source**. Especially if you charge your cell phone on your bed, in between your mattress and your pillow, it'll keep the heat in and will very easily cause a fire. We're seeing more fires in bedrooms because of things that we're charging in our bedrooms now.

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We used to be okay with just having just one smoke alarm on every level of your home. Now, **we want one [smoke alarm] in every single sleeping area** because of the things we are charging. We also want you to sleep with your bedroom door closed. **Always sleep with your bedroom door closed.** And if the smoke detector's in there with your door closed, you're as safe as you can be. If a fire starts on the outside of your bedroom, it's going to stay outside for a longer period of time, and it's going to give you more time to get out your window if that's the way you need to go.

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### **Fire Safety in the Bedroom**

Now we're going to talk about fire safety in our bedrooms. I want to talk about this first. This is called a **smoke alarm**. This is an early warning system to let you know if there's any smoke in your room. It has a heart, it has a mouth, and it has a nose. If it smells smoke, that's all it does it's whole life, if it smells smoke, then it's mouth goes BEEP BEEP BEEP! really, really loud to wake you up. I need to test it to make certain that it works. **We need to test our smoke alarms once a month.** Watch your ears, it's going to be loud. Wow. Pretty loud, right? It has to be loud to wake us up. If you're in your bed and you're asleep and the smoke alarm wakes you up, I want you to know what to do.

Note: We realize that no matter how loud a smoke detector is, the sound may not wake someone who is Deaf or Hard of Hearing. Keep watching/reading to learn about other smoke detector options for your kiddos!

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First thing you're going to do is you're going to roll out of your bed and you're going to get on the floor and you're going to crawl. Okay **smoke is up here, it's up high.** So we don't want to be up here. **We want to be down really low, and we want to crawl under smoke.** Have you guys ever heard of "**crawl low and go?**" No? Crawl low and go! We want to stay low under smoke. Firefighters even crawl because we have to be able to see. Okay? So, I want you to **crawl over, crawl to the door and see if the door is hot.** But when you get to the door, I want you to reach up really high with the back of your hand and see if the door is warm. **If the door is warm or hot, you can't open the door.** You're going to have to find another way out. Okay?

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Okay, the second way out is going to be a window. Every bedroom should have a door and a window. **If you can't go out the door, then you need to be prepared to go out the window.** So, you're going to crawl over, you're going to feel the door. It's not going to be hot today. Then you're going to open the door, and you're going to crawl out.

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Now, here's where it gets a little tricky. **When you get to the stairs, you can't crawl downstairs forward. You have to crawl downstairs backwards.** If you crawl forward and you miss a stair, you're going to fall all the way to the bottom of the stairs. However, if you crawl down backwards and you miss a stair, you're just going to be laying on your belly. If you straighten out, you'll slide to the bottom of the steps and no harm no foul. You can make it all the way outside, right?

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When you make it outside, there's a special place that we have to go. It's called a "**Meeting Place.**" The Meeting Place for this classroom is a mailbox that I brought and it's outside. This place needs to be something that you and your parents talk about so that you are all going to the same place. If you thought the meeting place was the mailbox, and your parents thought the meeting place was a flower bed, you might not be able to see your parents. Would you be afraid? Your parents might not be able to see you, and I bet they would be afraid as well. So just have that conversation. Ask your parents, "**Where's our meeting place if we ever have to evacuate the house?**" And then once you agree on it, **that's where you need to go and that's where you need to stay until you're all together again. Once you get outside, you can never go back in until a firefighter or your parents tell you you can, right?** Awesome!

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So, in just a little while, we're going to do a **fire drill.** And what we're going to do is we're going to pretend we're asleep. Can y'all pretend you're asleep? We're going to pretend we're asleep, and I'm going to take a cloud out of the sky and I'm going to put it in this room. Right? It smells like cotton candy, but I need you guys to pretend it's smoke. Can you pretend it's smoke? Yeah? Okay, I really need you to! And then I'm going to set this alarm off. **When I set this alarm off, you're going to lead us, feel of the door, it's not going to be hot. So then you're going to go out the door, you're going to go backwards down the stairs, and then crawl forward once you get to the bottom of the stairs all the way outside to the meeting place.**

Now we're going to do the fire drill in just a minute, but I want you guys to know what we're going to do. We're going to take a cloud out of the sky, and we're going to put it in the room, and I need you guys to pretend it's smoke. I need you guys to pretend it's smoke. It's going to smell like cotton candy, we're going to pretend it's smoke. Then I'm going to set off the alarm, and you're going to lead us. You're going to crawl over, feel of the door, and the door is not going to be hot. So then you're going to crawl out.

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When you get to the stairs, you have to go backwards down the stairs, you can't go forward. If you go forward and you miss a step, you could fall all the way to the bottom of the stairs, then it might injure you. If you go backwards and you miss a stair, you'll just be laying on your belly. So then just straighten out and you'll slide all the way to the bottom of the stairs. Once you get to the bottom of the stairs, you need to crawl forward again until you get outside. And then you go to your meeting place, right? Okay is everybody ready to do this? Okay!

**Alarm**

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Alarm sounding: BEEP BEEP BEEP!!

**Sgt. Pennie**

**Lamanac**

(08:33)

Alright is everybody here? Yeah. Good job! Good job!

**Firefighter**

**Kevin Bruce**

(08:38)

### **Fire Safety in the Kitchen**

Okay now we're going to talk about fire safety in and around the kitchen. We use fire in our everyday lives. One of the ways we use fire is to prepare our food. We like to prepare our food so that it's nice, warm and safe for us to eat. We use fire in our everyday lives, and it's kind of like we're using a tool. Anytime you use a tool, if used improperly, they can be harmful to us.

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Next, I'd like to go ahead and **point out a few of the hazards around the kitchen that can be hot to the touch**. We're going to start with the **stovetop**. When cooking on the stove, the **burners** can be very hot to touch. Also for your younger kids, if they're old enough to cook, it's important to **make sure that the pothandles and panhandles on the oven are turned this way [turned inward, not sticking out from the stovetop]** to avoid knocking the pan over onto yourself and also keeping it out of reach from younger children.

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Next thing I would like to show you guys is the **oven**. The oven can reach temperatures of up to 500 degrees. Anytime you take anything out of the oven, you want to make sure you **use oven mitts to take the food out so you don't burn your hands**.

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Many of you might have **microwaves** in your home. Anytime you're using a microwave, when your food is done, it's a good idea to let it rest a minute or two before taking it out of the microwave. And as a precaution, it's not a bad idea to **use oven mitts while taking your food out of the microwave as well**. This will also reduce the risk of you burning your hands. In the event you do get a burn from any of these items, you might want to treat it with cool water. **Parents, also teach your kids in the kitchen a three-foot barrier around any of these hot items**. That way you will reduce the risk of your kids getting burned.

**Firefighter  
Kevin Bruce**  
(10:48)

### **The Friendly Firefighter**

Okay now I'm going to show you guys how I donn my **personal protective equipment (PPE)**.

- I'm going to take my hood and go ahead and put it on.
- Next thing I'm going to do is step into my boots and pull my pants up.
- Next thing I'm going to do is throw on my coat.
  - Notice the Firefighter's mouth is now covered. What are some things we can do ahead of time to let Firefighters and our county know there is a DHH child in the home? And where their room is?
- Now I'm going to turn on my SCBA (my self-contained breathing apparatus).
- Next, I'm going to put on my mask.
- Next thing is my helmet.
- Next, here are my gloves .
- Now I'm going to hook up to breathe air (sound of breathing through mask).

**Sgt. Pennie  
Lamanac**  
(14:20)

### **Lifetone Beside Alarm for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing**

So this is a [Lifetone Bedside Alarm](#). It's really, really interesting, it's really cool. The tones of an actual smoke alarm is actually what sets this off. When it sets this off, it has an audible alarm that goes BEEP BEEP BEEP, but it also shakes this, this is called a "bed shaker." You put it in between the mattress and boxspring, and when this alarm goes off, it shakes this. And that's what wakes us up. You want to go see a demonstration?

**Boy sleeping**  
(15:03)

Alarm sounding as boy sleeps: BEEP BEEP BEEP! BEEP BEEP BEEP!  
BEEP BEEP BEEP! BEEP BEEP BEEP! BEEP BEEP BEEP! BEEP BEEP BEEP!  
BEEP!  
Alarm says: "FIRE! GET UP!"

**Scarlett Giles and Children**

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Thanks for watching! Be safe from fires!

**Credits**

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Music playing

**Scarlett Giles**

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