What can You as a Parent do?

Teach your child about fire:

1. Fire is a tool we use to heat our homes or cook our food.
2. It is not a toy.
3. Fire is dangerous--it can kill.
4. All fires--even small ones--can spread quickly.
5. Even adults must follow special safety rules for fire.

Control your child's access to fire:

1. Keep all matches and lighters out of the reach of children--even a 2-year-old can operate a cigarette lighter.
2. Never allow anyone to use lighters or matches in an unsafe manner in your home.
3. Never leave a stove or candle fire unattended.
4. Teach children to show you any unattended matches or lighters they find. Do not have the child pick up the matches or lighter.

Set a good example:

1. Install and maintain smoke detectors and fire extinguishers.
2. Plan and practice home fire escape drills.
3. Regularly inspect your home for fire hazards.
4. Always use "safety sense" when making or using fire.
5. Point out to your children the safety rules you and others are following throughout the day.

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