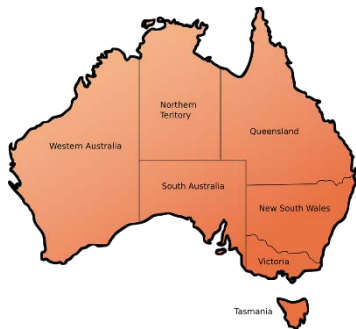


BEING PREPARED FOR AN EVACUATION

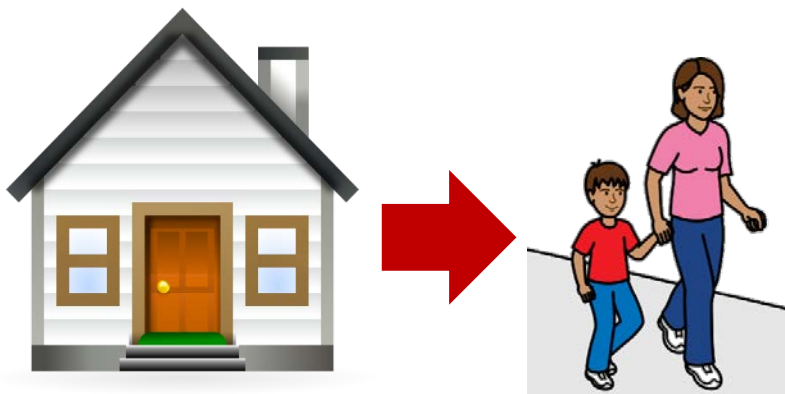


A social story about fires and what to expect

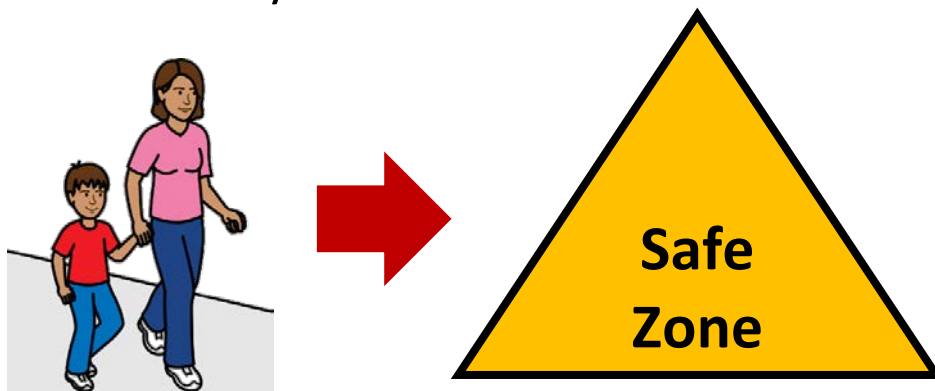
In Australia, the weather can get very hot. Sometimes a fire might start.



If a fire is close to my house, the government and the fire department might tell my family that we must leave our house or “evacuate”.



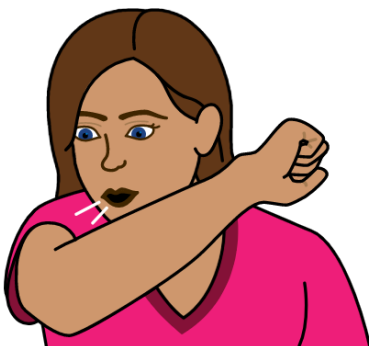
“Evacuate” means we must leave our house and go to a safe location away from the fire.



When the fire is big, it can make the air smell and taste different. This is because of the smoke from the fire.



Smoke can make us cough or make breathing a bit tricky, our eyes itch or sting, and our nose runny.



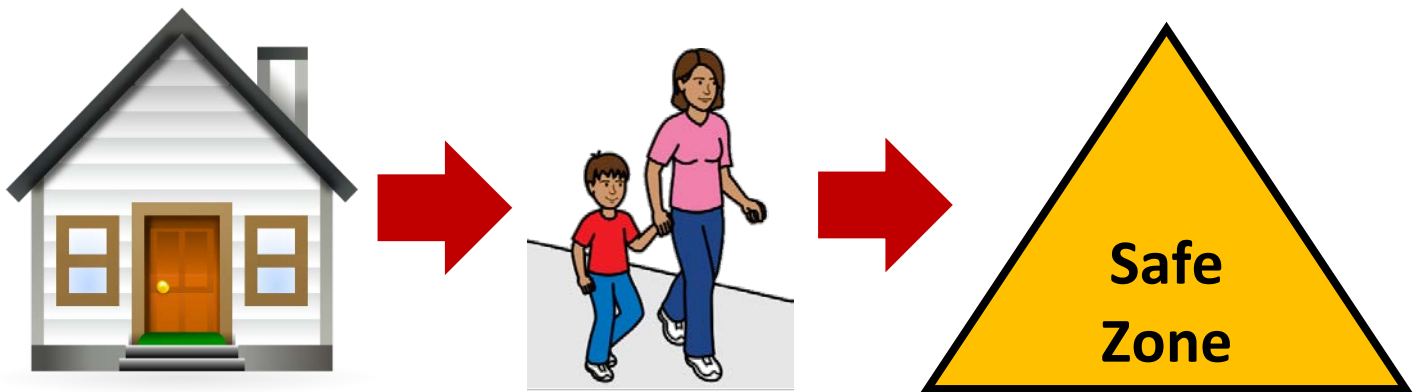
To make sure that we are all safe, my parents might be listening to the news on TV or the radio or checking a website.



My parents are doing the best they can. The news will help my parents know whether we should evacuate and go to a safer place.



If we are told to leave, we need to leave the house very quickly to go to a safe location.

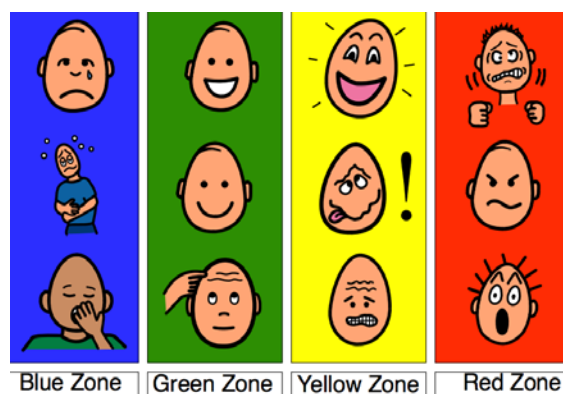


We will be allowed to go home when the firemen and firewomen tell us it is safe.



If we are told to leave, there are things I can do to help.
I can:

- Listen to my parents
- Listen to the firemen and firewomen
- Help my parents if they ask for help
- Remember to use calming tools if I am in the yellow or red zone (worried, scared, angry)



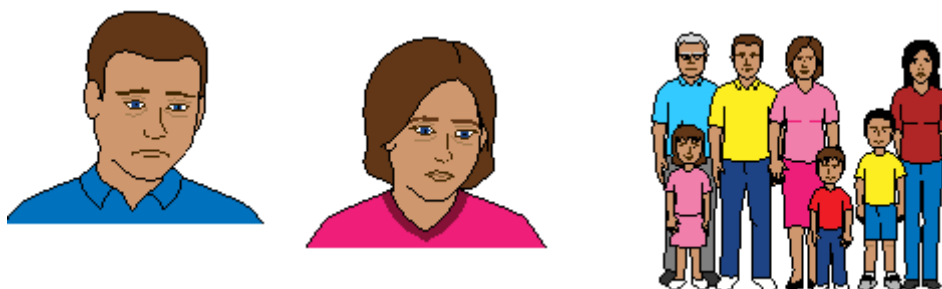
Remember it will be okay firemen and firewomen are trained to keep us all safe from the fire.



If we need to leave my parents will pack an emergency pack. Not everything can go in the pack, but my parents will make sure I have everything I need.



I might feel upset if I must leave my house in a hurry. My parents might feel upset too. It is ok to feel upset. Everyone feels upset sometimes.



Fire Services and Evacuation Services will help me and my family stay safe during the fire and if we need to leave.

