



## Primary Grades Lesson Plan (Kindergarten – Grade 3)

Time: Approximately 35–40 minutes

### Students will learn:

- What a smoke alarm is, what it looks like, and what it sounds like.
- Why smoke alarms are important.
- What to do when a smoke alarm sounds.
- How to talk to family members about fire safety at home.

### Activity Steps

#### 1. Circle Time Discussion (5–7 minutes)

##### Teacher Script/Guiding Questions:

- “What do you think a smoke alarm does?”
- “Have you ever heard a loud ‘BEEP’ sound at home?”
- “Why do you think we need smoke alarms in our homes?”

##### Key Message to Share:

*“Smoke alarms are like noses that smell smoke while we sleep or play. They tell us when there might be a fire, so we can get out quickly and safely.”*

\*Feel free to refer to the list of smoke alarm/fire safety tips in the introductory memo document for more information that can be shared or used to answer questions during this discussion.

#### 2. Sound Recognition Activity (5 minutes)

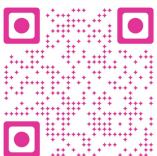
Materials Needed: Audio clip of a smoke alarm (can be played from phone, laptop, a smoke alarm for demonstration purposes, or the audio clip included in your education kit)

##### Instructions:

- Play the sound of a smoke alarm (BEEP-BEEP-BEEP! [pause] BEEP-BEEP-BEEP!)
- Ask: “What would you do if you heard that sound?”

##### Teach:

- Get low (to avoid smoke)
- Go outside right away
- Stay outside until an adult or firefighter says it is safe





### 3. Video Time (10 minutes)

#### Suggested Video:

- Play the embedded [OFM fire safety video](#) produced in collaboration with TVO Kids. This is a video that features Deputy Fire Marshal John McBeth and is full of great information about smoke alarm safety.

### 4. Art Activity – Design a Smoke Alarm Safety Poster (10–15 minutes)

#### Instructions:

- Hand out blank paper and crayons/markers.
- Ask students to draw themselves testing a smoke alarm inside their home.
- Help them write a safety message. Examples could be: “Smoke Alarms Save Lives!” or “You could be Saved by the Beep!”
- *Optional:* Have a classroom gallery walk where students show and explain their posters to each other.

If your school or classroom has a social media presence, please tag **@ONFireMarshal** and use the hashtag **#SavedByTheBeep**. We would be happy to share your posters!

\*Alternatively, for the younger grades, an OFM-designed colouring sheet featuring our fire safety mascot, “Beepa!” is available as part of your resource package. If you do not have this colouring sheet, please download the education kit at [savedbythebeep.ca/educators](https://savedbythebeep.ca/educators).

