NEW YORK STATE FIRE
HERSHEY'S
FIRE SAFETY ACTIVITY BOOK
Hello, I'm Hershey, the fire safety dog. I work for the New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control. I'm here to help you learn about and be safe from fire and other things that can harm you.
This is a space heater. Does your family use one?
Always keep space heaters at least 3 feet away from anything that could burn. Also, never use a space heater around flammable objects and small children.
Wood stoves and fireplaces can be very dangerous if not used properly. You should always use a carbon monoxide detector, especially during winter months.
A fireplace should always have a screen or glass doors to keep sparks out of the room.
MARCH

Firefighters can look pretty scary in their masks and other gear.
But there’s nothing to be afraid of. Firefighters are our friends.
This month, tell your Mom or Dad to put a new battery in your smoke alarm. It should be replaced twice a year.
What does your smoke alarm sound like? It should be tested every month to make sure it will be ready in an emergency.
May is “Operation EDITH” month. E.D.I.T.H. Stands for “Exit Drills In The Home”. Do you have a family escape meeting place?
See if you can get through this maze to reach the Safe Meeting Place.
Cookouts and Barbecues are fun, but grills are for adults. They can be very dangerous.
These tools are for grown-ups. Some can be very hot and some can start fires.
Fireworks are fun to watch but they should only be handled by professionals.
Staying away from danger will insure you have a happy and safe Fourth of July!
Be careful around campfires. Keep things that could burn a good distance away.
Make sure the campfire is out when you leave and when you sleep at night. The only way to really be sure is to use water and stir the ash.
SEPTEMBER

Remember, If your clothes ever catch fire, don’t run, just...
STOP, DROP, AND ROLL!
Remember to be safe with jack-o’-lanterns. Also this month, it’s time to change the battery in your smoke detector again.
National Fire Safety Week is also in October, so you may see some of my friends and co-workers at your school.
If you ever see a fire or have any other emergency, get to safety and call 911!
Can you get the water from the hydrant to the end of the fire hose?
Remember to keep safety in mind during the holidays too.
Be careful with candles and fireplaces. Attaching your tree to the ceiling will make sure it does not tip over.

Too many wires! Use a surge protector.
The Office of Fire Prevention and Control has many units that help insure the safety of New Yorkers:
ACADEMY OF FIRE SCIENCES
Operates a training center and research library available to all fire and life safety personnel in the state
ARSON BUREAU
This Bureau relies on highly trained investigators, some with special dogs, to help fire and police departments determine how a fire started.
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS BUREAU
Provides on-site assistance and expertise to agencies dealing with hazardous materials spills or incidents
FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU
This bureau is responsible for code enforcement and for fire safety education programs for both children and adults.
FIRE SERVICES BUREAU
Provides on-scene technical services and training to local fire agencies as well as administering the statewide 911 program
SPECIAL SERVICES BUREAU
Provides training in rescue skills for challenging emergencies as well as operating the NYS Urban/Technical Search and Rescue Team
Thanks for helping me color and learn about fire safety. Remember, firefighters can put fires out, but it’s up to you to help prevent them.
See if you can find some of the fire safety and prevention topics we have covered in this book.
Now draw your own fire escape plan for your house. Show at least two escape routes and a safe meeting place outside and practice it with your family.
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For more information, go to:
www.dos.state.ny.us/fire/firewww.html

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