



PROTECTING PEOPLE, HOMES
& NATURAL RESOURCES

• A Team Approach •

MATCH SAFETY PROGRAM

From the Missoula County Fire Protection Association

Missoula County Fire Protection Association (MCFPA) is a voluntary, non-profit association made up of fire professionals, emergency service responders and others who care about the life and safety and natural resource issues in Western Montana. Our representatives are from multiple agencies including the Missoula Fire Department, Missoula Rural Fire District, Department of Natural Resource and Conservation (DNRC), Forest Service, East Missoula Rural Fire District, Seeley Lake Rural Fire District, Florence Rural Fire District, and Frenchtown Rural Fire District.

EVERY SPRING, members of the MCFPA visit local area schools to teach First Grade children Smokey's Match Safety Rules. Here is what you can expect our program to bring to the classroom:

First we introduce ourselves and our agencies.

A short Smokey Bear video is played talking about matches.

We talk about some fire dangers in the home and ask the children's help to identify a few.

Next we teach the children what to do in case of a fire and how to get out safely.

Then we go over Smokey's Match Safety Rules:

NEVER PLAY WITH MATCHES OR LIGHTERS

MATCHES AND LIGHTERS ARE TOOLS NOT TOYS

TELL AN ADULT YOU TRUST IF YOU FIND MATCHES OR LIGHTERS

We talk about campfire rules and how to safely put out a campfire.

The kids learn about animals living in the forest and how one campfire spark can cause a fire.

Another short Smokey video with a catchy tune wraps up the presentation.

As a final treat, Smokey the Bear or one of his friends stops by for a bear hug and a "paw five".



FOR EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES TO PAIR WITH OUR PROGRAM, VISIT:

<http://www.smokeybear.com/resources.asp>

<http://www.sparky.org/>

<http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/for-consumers/populations/people-with-disabilities/educational-materials>

