



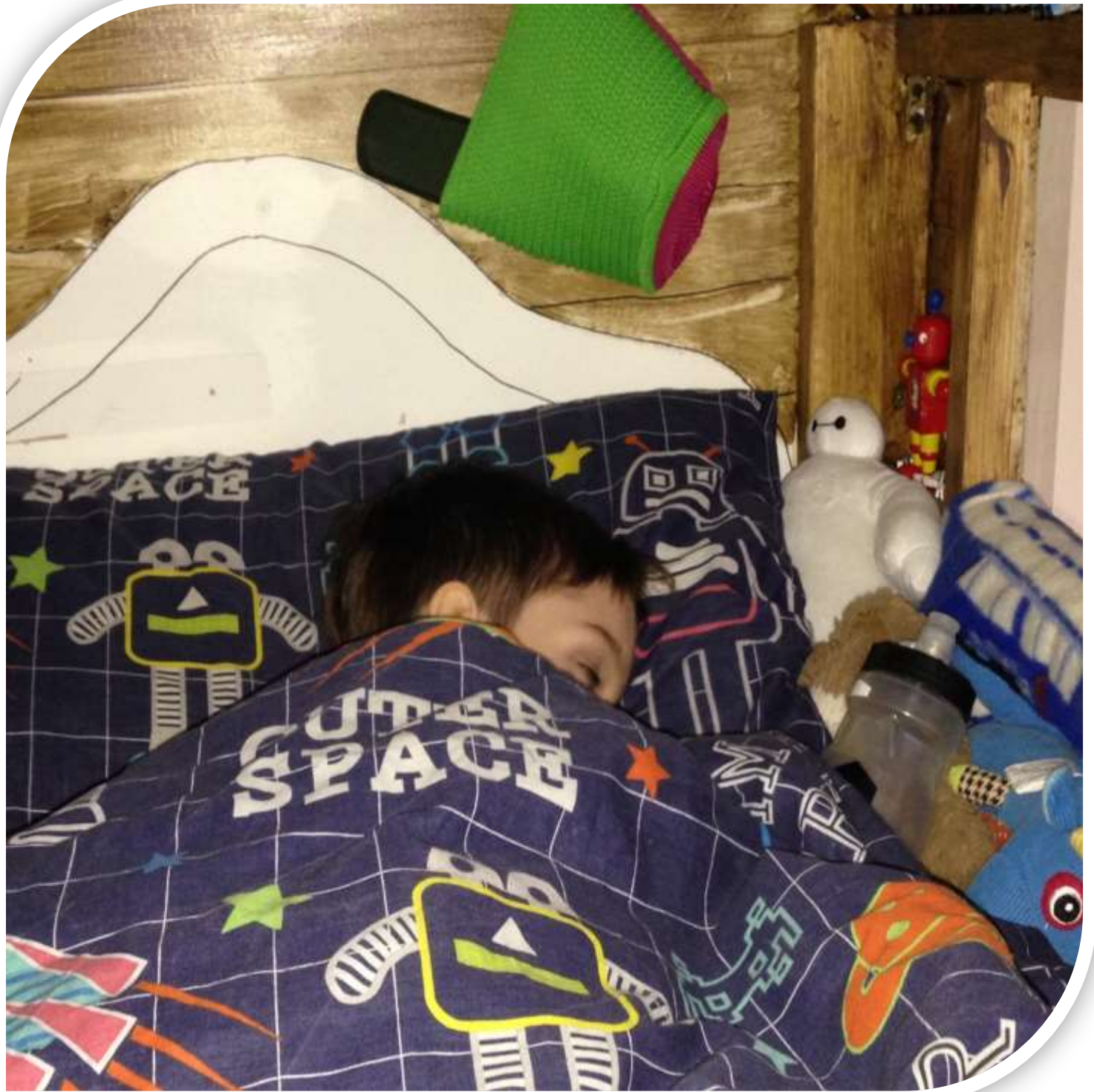
Cornwall Fire, Rescue and Community Safety Service

Teachers Resource – Fire Escape Plans





This is Romy, fast asleep but the smoke alarm is bleeping downstairs.



Having a bedtime routine is a really useful tool. There is a checklist in the children's activities section that the children can use.

Question:

What should Romy do when he hears the smoke alarm?

Answer:

Get down low and crawl to the door, especially if there is lots of smoke.

Information:

Smoke rises so we need to get down nearer the ground to where the air is clearer

Question:

What should Romy do when he reaches his door?

Answer:

Do not open the door, check for heat by feeling the door/handle with the back of your hand.

Information:

We cannot see through doors and, therefore, we don't know if the fire is outside, by testing the door for heat we can determine if it is safe to open the door





Question 1:

The door handle is hot, what should we do?

Question 2:

The door handle is cold, what should we do?

Answer 1:

Don't open the door, put a pillow, jumper or something small along the bottom of the door to stop the smoke coming in and go to the window. Open the window and shout for help.

Answer 2:

Open the door keeping low to the ground; make your way to the nearest exit as you have already planned with your family in your fire escape plan.





Question:

What is Romy doing now he is out of his room?

Answer:

He is closing the door, so that the room does not fill with smoke.

Information:

If their escape route is blocked, they can go back into the room and stay safe, whilst they call for help. Block the bottom of the door so that the room does not fill with smoke. Go to the window, open it to let fresh air in and shout for help. If you have access to a phone ring the emergency services.





Question

What is Romy doing now?

Answer

He is crouching down low. Smoke goes up so we go down!

Information

Smoke is very toxic; breathing it in can make us become extremely ill. As smoke rises, we need to get down low where the air is clearer.





Romy had called to his Mum and Dad and they are all making their way downstairs to the nearest exit.

Question:

What should they have done the night before to make sure that they could get out of the house?

Answer:

Doors and window keys should be kept in a safe place near to the door so that they can get out quickly and easily.

Question:

Once out of the house what should they do?

Answer:

Stay out and call the fire service out.



Romy's Mum called 999 and reported the fire.

Question:

What questions do you think the fire service staff asked Romy's Mum?

Answer:

- What is the full address of the property?
- Special instructions on getting to the property
- Is everyone out of the house safely?
- What's on fire?

Information

Not all children know their full address, this is vital information needed when phoning emergency services.

If on holiday or staying with relatives, get the children to make sure they have access to the address should ever they need to make that all important phone call.



Romy's mum phones 999 and reports the fire to the fire service critical control operative



Critical Control operative talks to Romy's Mum and sends the fire appliance to their home

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