

Fire Safety with Shapes

Here are some fun activities to do to help your child learn about shapes and fire safety.

Idea 1: Spot the Shape

Shapes are all around us, it is easy to find shapes at home, in the car, at the park, out shopping, everywhere you go. Pick one shape at a time to concentrate on, rather than trying to find all the different shapes.

Make this a fire safety lesson. When your child identifies a smoke alarm as a **CIRCLE** shape, this provides a great opportunity to test the alarm to be sure it is working and make sure your child recognizes the sound of the alarm and knows what to do. Leave the home and go to your outside meeting place.

The **RECTANGLE** shape can become a fire safety lesson, too. When your child identifies a door or window as a rectangle shape use this to review escape planning and the importance of knowing two ways out of every room.

Idea 2: Shape Animal

Help your child understand that things can be made from many shapes.

What you need:

- Shapes and Shape Animal Activity Sheet
- Glue
- Pencil and scissors

What to do:

Make this a colorful activity. Have your child color and cut out each shape. Then paste the shapes on the Shape Animal Activity Sheet to make an animal using any shape he/she wants to use. Work together to complete the questions on the Activity Sheet. For an extra challenge see if you can make a Dalmatian, like Sparky the Fire Dog.

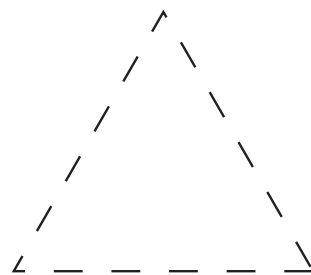
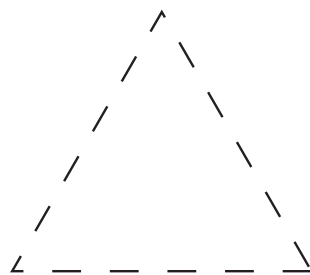
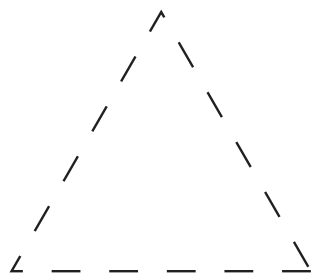
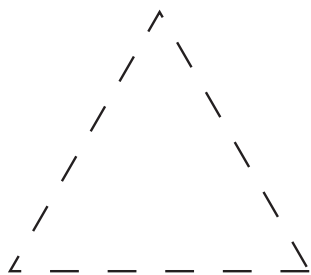
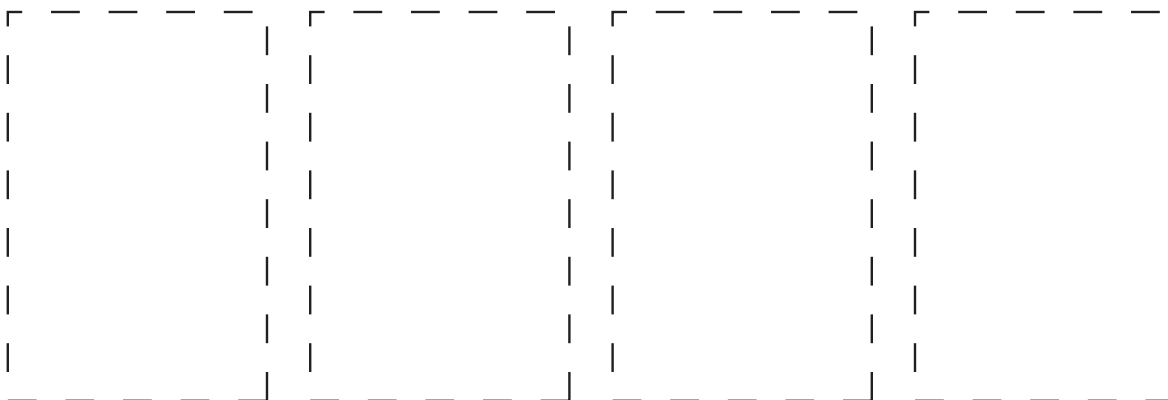
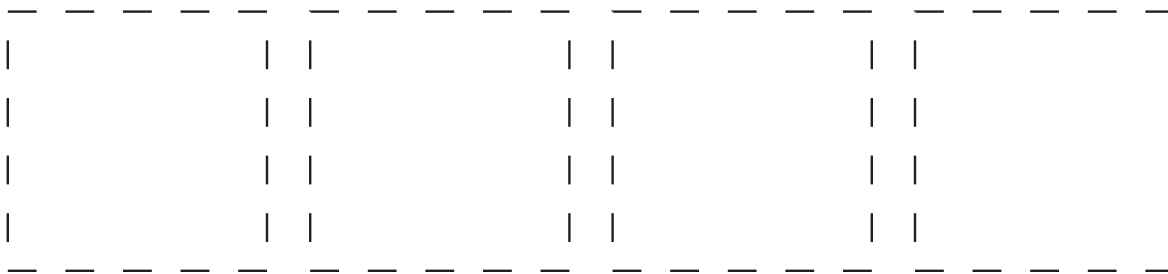
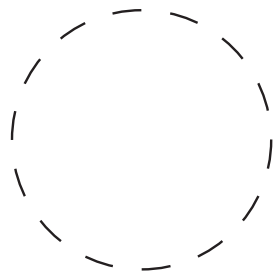
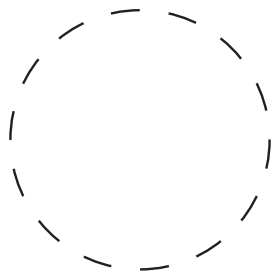
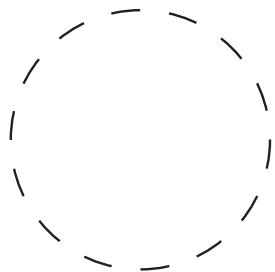
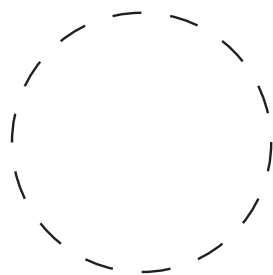
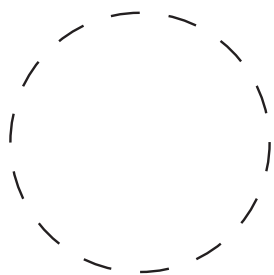
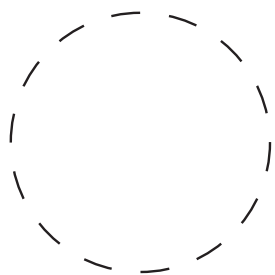


Idea 3: Name That Shape!

Here's a fun way to find shapes in your home. Gather some things in your home representing various shapes. Put the items in a bag. Some ideas are: a plate, napkin, book, wash cloth, cereal box, and smoke alarm (cut out the picture of the smoke alarm included). Make a life-size graph using painters tape. Make 3 columns on the floor with the tape. Identify each column on the floor with a piece of paper with the shape and word for circle, square, and rectangle. Have your child pick an item out of the bag and place it in the appropriate shape column. When finished you will have a graph of all the items you selected!

If you included a picture of a smoke alarm in the items, use this as an opportunity to push the test button on the smoke alarms in your home so your child can recognize the sound of the alarm and talk about what to do if the smoke alarm sounds — get outside and go to the family outside meeting place.

Shape Sheet

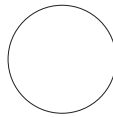


Shape Animal Sheet

My animal creation from shapes:

The animal I made is a _____ .

I used _____



I used _____



I used _____



I used _____



Smoke Alarm Cut-out

