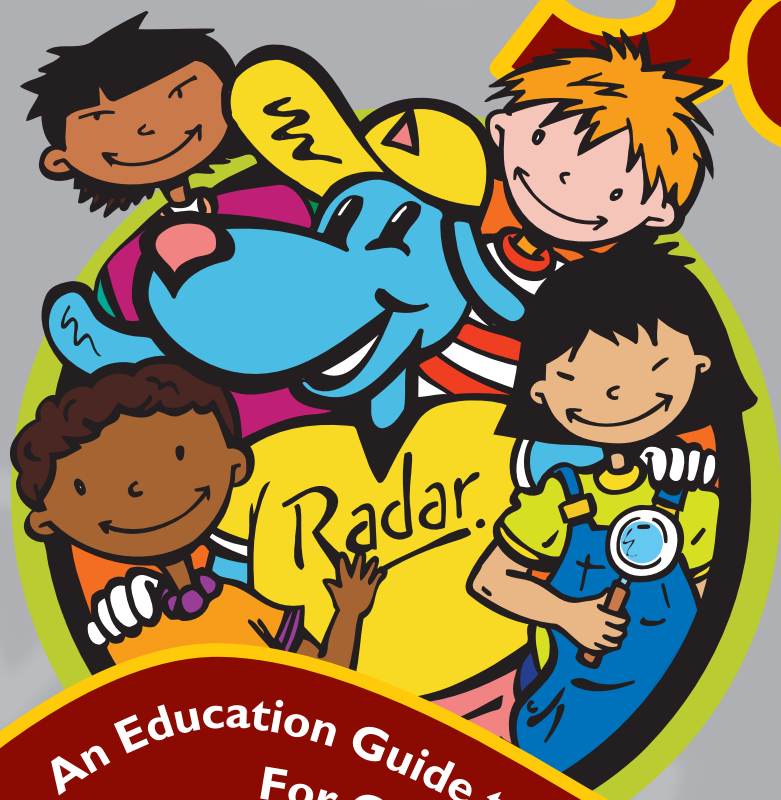




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Message to Educators

home safety. As an educator you will be able to choose the most appropriate activities for your lessons.

Each year there are more than 50,000 incidents involving household chemical products – more than half of these involve children. These incidents can cause injuries and illnesses, temporary and permanent disabilities, and in some cases, death.

Children are most at risk. For the 5 year-old who is curious and interested in experimentation, household chemical products in colourful containers are something new to try. A 9 year-old who wants to show he or she is grown up, may try to open and use household chemical products without supervision.

The purpose of this guide is to provide educators with resources to teach children about safety regarding household chemical products.

The STAY SAFE program has activities for children ages 5 to 9 years (Kindergarten to Grade 4). Activities are grouped by levels with a corresponding age range and grade level, and are suitable for use in existing curriculum on general

GRADE LEVEL	AGE RANGE
Kindergarten	5 – 6 years
Grade 1	6 – 7 years
Grade 2	7 – 8 years
Grade 3	8 – 9 years
Grade 4	9+ years

At each age range, children display distinct learning characteristics that you may want to keep in mind as you plan your STAY SAFE program.

How can these injuries be prevented? Children need to learn to recognize the hazard symbols on household chemical products, and to STAY SAFE when they do see them. Like other safety programs, this information needs to be reinforced as children grow older, and as more products are introduced to the public.

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That's where STAY SAFE fits in. Educators who use this program can help the children in your community STAY SAFE – at home, at school and at play. That's the goal of this program. The STAY SAFE activities in this guide are intended to reinforce hazard symbol recognition and the related safety messages to children. The fact sheets provide additional information to assist adults in creating a safer home environment for children.

This school aged education program repeats and builds on the information and activities contained in the pre-school STAY SAFE program. Children who attended day cares or similar establishments may have been taught the first messages in the STAY SAFE progressive program that teaches young children about the hazard symbols and chemical safety in the home.

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Kindergarten – Age 5-6 years

- ▶▶ can follow simple, stepped instructions and make comparisons
- ▶▶ prefers manipulative materials
- ▶▶ likes to imitate adults or other authority figures

Grade 1 – Age 6-7 years

- ▶▶ can anticipate and make basic assessments
- ▶▶ follows instructions and reacts well to praise
- ▶▶ enjoys puzzles, sorting, matching, classifying

Grade 2 – Age 7-8 years

- ▶▶ follows simple, constructive, stepped feedback
- ▶▶ requires examples and reasons for directions
- ▶▶ interesting in improving and developing skills

Grade 3 – Age 8-9 years

- ▶▶ needs positive feedback to help develop competencies
- ▶▶ can recall and retell stories, information
- ▶▶ starting to enjoy more competitive activities

Grade 4 – Age 9+ years

- ▶▶ challenges authority; requires reasons; interested in exceptions
- ▶▶ greater attention span to work on more complex tasks
- ▶▶ abstract thought continues to improve, but still needs concrete examples

For a more detailed description of learner characteristics see Appendix F.

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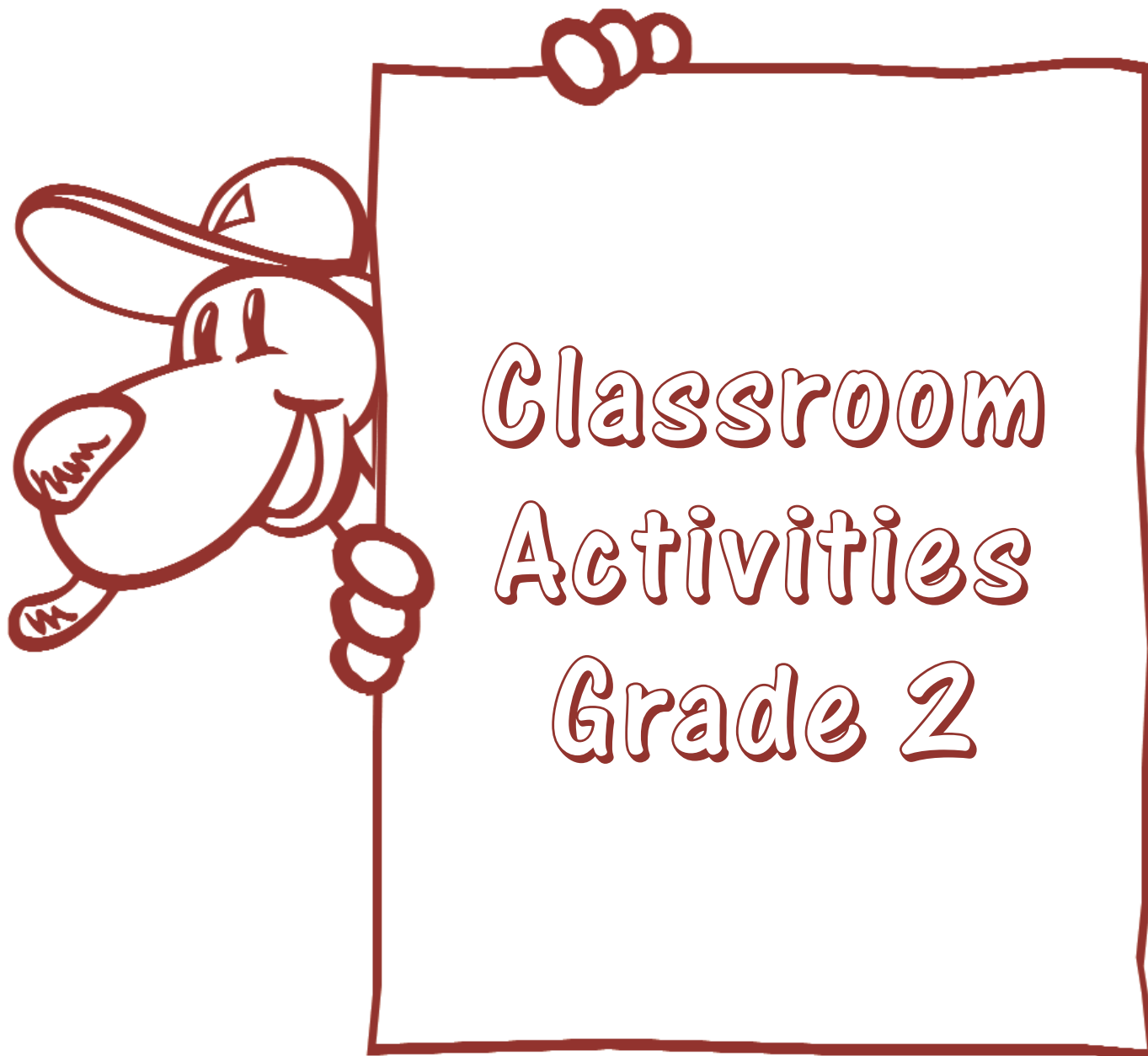
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Puppet Script

Purpose

- ▶ To introduce the four hazard symbols
- ▶ To introduce the STAY SAFE message
- ▶ To reinforce the four hazard symbols

Learning Outcomes

The children will be able:

- ▶ To recognize the hazard symbols
- ▶ To understand that these symbols mean danger
- ▶ To understand the safe action steps

Preparation

- ▶ Using the templates provided, create a puppet for each of the four hazard symbols and Radar. This can be done by gluing the templates onto stiffer paper/card and gluing them to craft sticks. Alternatively, glue the symbols onto paper bags or attach to old socks to make sock puppets.
- ▶ Have either pictures of hazardous chemical products to show the children or **empty and rinsed** containers of hazardous chemical products (securely sealed).

Note: In many schools the older grades are paired up with the younger children, creating a 'buddy system'. If buddies do not exist in your school perhaps the kindergarten class would welcome a visit from your students and the opportunity to learn from other children.

How to Use

Suggested Script – (teacher performs):

- ▶ Radar says “I’ve brought some helpers with me to talk to you about staying safe. Would you like to meet our helpers?”
- ▶ Radar points to the four hazard symbol puppets and asks the children: “Have you ever seen these before? Where? They live on the labels of dangerous chemicals.”
- ▶ Radar shows the children some examples using either pictures cut from magazines or actual photos, or **empty**, securely sealed containers. “If you see them there, it means **Danger! Don’t touch!** They are the Hazard Symbols. Their job is to protect you. Would you like to learn more about them?”
- ▶ At this point introduce the puppets one by one using the rhyme.

Suggested Script for when Grade 4 students performs for grade 2 students:

Radar: “I’ve brought some helpers with me to talk to you about staying safe. Would you like to meet our helpers?”

All four puppets appear and greet the children.

Flammable: “Hi!”

Corrosive: “Have you ever seen us before?”

Explosive: “Where?”

Poison: “That’s right. We live on the labels of dangerous chemicals.”

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Teacher and/or Grade 4 students(with the help of Radar) Show the younger children some examples using either pictures cut from magazines or actual photos, or **empty** securely sealed containers.

Flammable: “If you see any of us on a container, it means **Danger!**
Don’t touch!”

Corrosive: “We are the Hazard Symbols.”

Explosive: “Our job is to protect you.”

Poison: “Would you like to learn more about us?”

At this point introduce the puppets one by one using the rhyme.

Radar, the Teacher and/or other Grade 5 students should encourage the children to shout **Stay Safe** at the end of each verse.

Variations

- ▶ Use **RADAR** to introduce the hazard symbols, and to remind the children **STOP, LOOK and STAY SAFE!**
- ▶ If you find it difficult to handle all the puppets at once you may need an assistant. Make sure to use the hazard symbols as the 'bad' group and Radar as the 'good' guy pushing them away.

The key points to reinforce are:

- ▶ These symbols mean **DANGER, DON'T TOUCH!**
- ▶ The safe action steps are:
STOP! ... when you see a container. Don't touch!
LOOK! ... for a hazard symbol.
STAY SAFE! ... go get a grown-up.

Rhyme

We're the four hazard symbols.
We're important to know!
There are things we can tell you
Please listen. Don't go!

This skull and crossbones means Poison! Beware!
Don't drink me! Don't touch me!
Get a grown-up. Take care!
STAY SAFE!

I am Corrosive!
I'll burn all your skin!
Don't touch me, not ever
And then you will win!
STAY SAFE!

Flammable means fire!
This stuff burns hot
Keep me where it's cool
In a nice high spot!
STAY SAFE!

Boom! I'm Explosive!
And just like my friend (*show Flammable puppet*)
Don't put me near hot things
Or Kaboom! That's the end!
STAY SAFE!

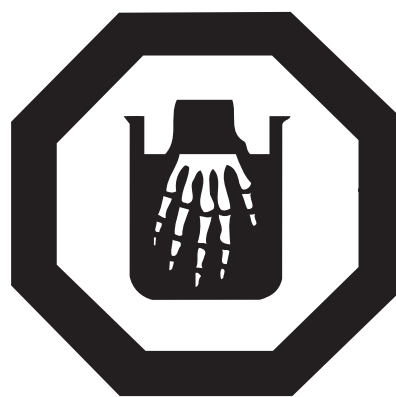
We're the four hazard symbols
Don't touch us...Take care.
Just Stop! Look! And...**STAY SAFE!**

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These are samples of the templates to use. The actual templates may be found in Appendix A, Puppets.



Matching Game

Purpose

- ▶ To reinforce visual recognition of the hazard symbols
- ▶ To associate a specific word with the correct symbol

Learning Outcomes

The children will be able:

- ▶ To recognize the four hazard symbols when found on a container
- ▶ To match the correct symbol with the appropriate word
- ▶ To recognize the four hazard symbols when found on a container
- ▶ To match the correct symbol with the appropriate word

Preparation

- ▶ Photocopy the appropriate images on cards and game boards to your Grade level found in Appendix A, Matching Game. (Grade 2 pieces have the hazard symbols on containers.)
- ▶ Make at least 5 copies of each card

How to Use

- ▶ Place cards face down in random order. Each child picks two cards. If they match, the cards, the child then places the pair on the corresponding hazard symbol or word on their game board
- ▶ This game may be played individually, or with more children, depending on the number of game boards

The templates for the Matching Game may be found in Appendix A, Matching Game.

Graphic for Game board for Matching Game: sheet of paper divided into 4 equal squares. Each square has Radar holding one of the 4 hazard symbols

Graphic for game pieces for Matching Game: graphics of each of the four hazard symbols.

Game Board

POISON	FLAMMABLE
CORROSIVE	EXPLOSIVE

Game Cards



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Dot-to-Dot

Purpose

- ▶ To promote recognition of the four hazard symbols

Learning Outcomes

The children will be able:

- ▶ To recognize the four hazard symbols

Preparation

- ▶ Photocopy a Grade-appropriate Dot-to-Dot sheet for each child

How to Use

- ▶ The child connects the dots with a pencil/marker/crayon
- ▶ Once completed, the picture can be coloured

A sample of the dot-to-dot pictures is given below. The templates for the dot-to-dot pictures may be found in Appendix A, Dot-to-Dot.

Graphic for Dot-to-Dot pictures.



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Maze

Purpose

- ▶ To promote recognition of the four hazard symbols

Learning Outcomes

The children will be able:

- ▶ To recognize the four hazard symbols

Preparation

- ▶ Photocopy the Grade-appropriate maze for each child

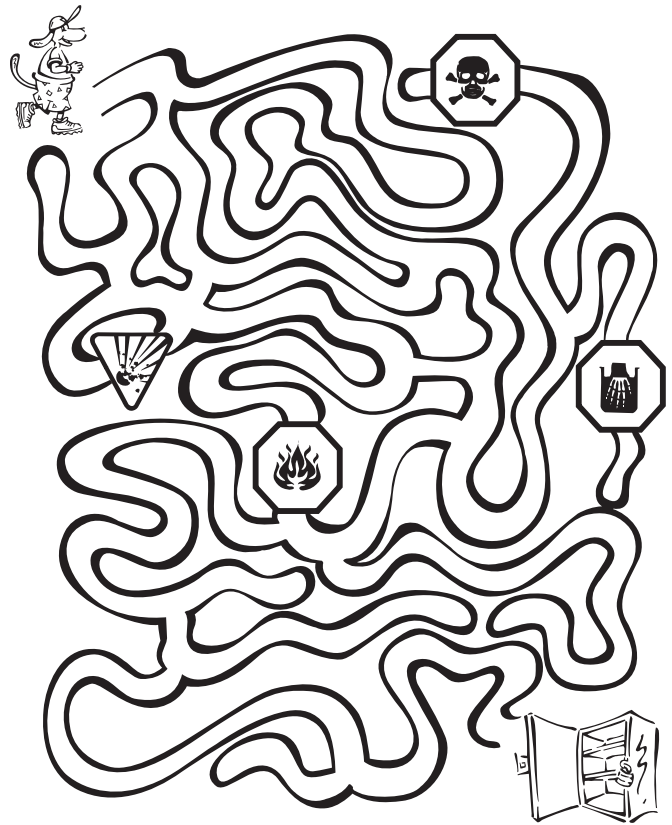
How to Use

- ▶ Instruct the child to show Radar how to get to the locked cupboard without touching any of the hazard symbols

A sample of the maze is given below. This simple maze has the four hazard symbols placed within it. The object is to get to the finish (a cupboard and lock) without encountering any of the hazard symbols. The paths are wide enough to easily accommodate a crayon or marker.

The template for the maze may be found in Appendix A, Maze.

A simple maze with the four hazard symbols placed within it.



Make Your Own Puzzle

Purpose

- ▶ To help the children learn to recognize the four hazard symbols

Learning Outcomes

The children will be able:

- ▶ To recognize and name the four hazard symbols

Preparation

- ▶ Photocopy a Grade appropriate puzzle page for each child.

How to Use

- ▶ Distribute puzzle pages equally among the class
- ▶ The children colour their puzzle page
- ▶ The children then glue their page onto heavier paper and cut into 8-10 pieces
- ▶ The children then switch with another student who has a different symbol and try to put together the puzzle
- ▶ After doing that puzzle they may switch with another student who has a different symbol

The actual templates for the four hidden pictures may be found in Appendix A, Make Your Own Puzzle.

Graphic for Make Your Own Puzzle: There should be four pages. Each page has a picture of a different hazard symbol on it. Teacher demonstrates to the class how to cut the picture into eight to ten puzzle pieces.



Hidden Pictures

Purpose

- ▶ To promote understanding that hazardous chemical products must be stored safely

Learning Outcomes

The children will be able:

- ▶ To recognize each of the **two frames** used for the hazard symbols found on a picture of a real-life object
- ▶ To determine if the hazardous product is in a safe place

Preparation

- ▶ Photocopy a Grade appropriate Hidden Picture activity sheet for each child

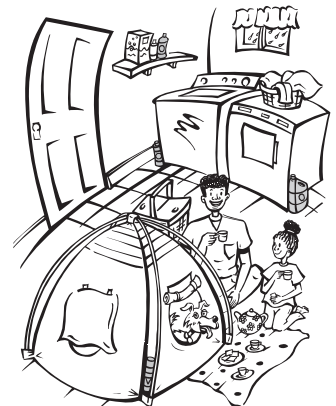
How to Use

- ▶ The child finds each hazardous chemical product and marks it, using either an “X” or circle

A sample of the hidden pictures is found below. Four different sheets are available, one each of a garage, a kitchen, a bathroom and a laundry room. In each picture, chemical products are placed in incorrect places. For example, a container with octagon frame is on the stove, containers with the triangle frame are on the floor of the garage, etc. An option would be to indicate how many hidden pictures exist.

The actual templates for the four hidden pictures may be found in Appendix A, Hidden Pictures.

Hidden Pictures: 4 different sheets, one each of a garage, a kitchen, a laundry room, and a bathroom.



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Spot the Difference

Purpose

- ▶▶ To promote understanding that hazardous chemical products must be stored safely

Learning Outcomes

The children will be able:

- ▶▶ To recognize each of the **two frames** used for the hazard symbols found on a picture of a real-life object
- ▶▶ To determine if the hazardous product is in a safe place

Preparation

- ▶▶ Photocopy a Grade appropriate spot the difference picture activity sheet for each child

How to Use

- ▶▶ The child finds each hazardous chemical product and difference between the two pictures and marks it, using either an “X” or circle

A sample of the Spot the Difference pictures is found on the next page. Different sheets are available, one each of a garage, a kitchen, a bathroom and a laundry room. In each picture, chemical products are placed in incorrect places. For example, a container with an octagon frame is on the stove, containers with the other frame may be on the floor of the garage, etc. On the second picture there will also be frames but there will also be something missing from the picture, such as the duck from the window in the bathroom picture. An option would be to indicate how many hidden pictures exist and how many differences there are between the two pictures.

The actual templates for the spot the difference pictures may be found in Appendix A, Spot the Difference.



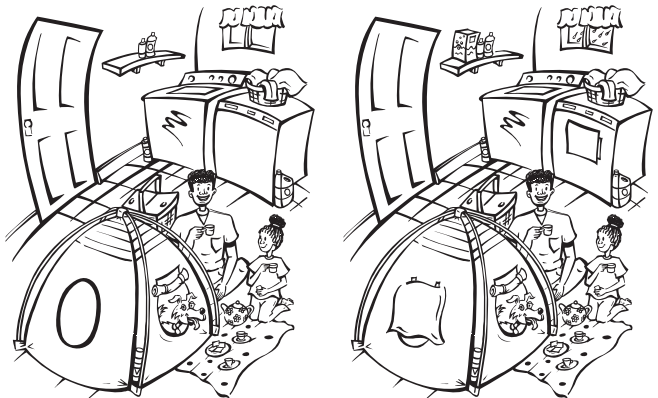
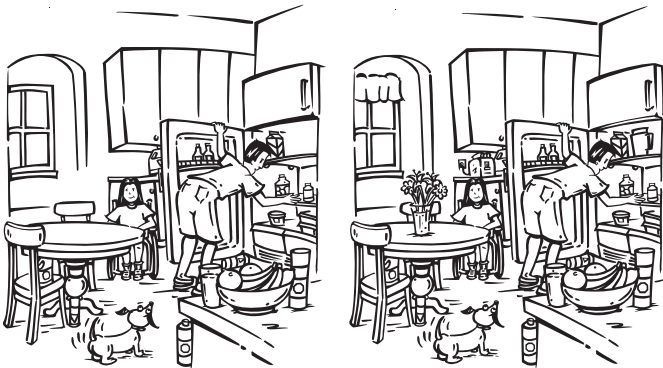
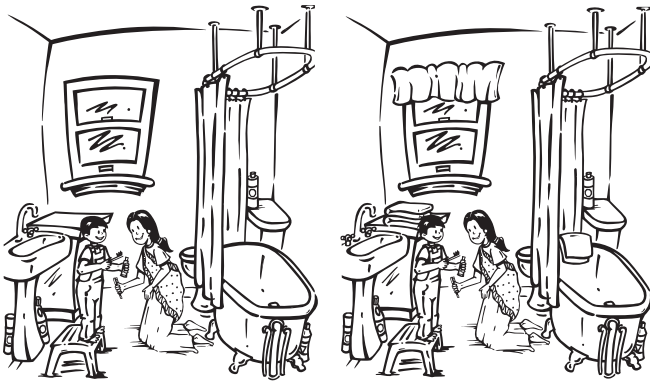
Answers to Spot the Difference

Bathroom: curtain on window, towels on counter, towels in bathtub, tap on sink

Garage: cat in window, basketball, hammer on wall, basketball hoop

Kitchen: curtain on window, flowers/vase on table, toaster on counter, milk jug in fridge

Laundry: laundry box on shelf, rain drops, washing machine door, curtain on tent



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Safety Poster/ Colouring Page

Purpose

- ▶ To reinforce the “**Stop! Look! Stay Safe!**” safety message
- ▶ To share the STAY SAFE message with others

Learning Outcomes

The children will be able:

- ▶ To demonstrate safe behaviour around hazardous chemical products through drawing
- ▶ To share this information with others

Preparation

- ▶ None

How to Use

- ▶ Explain to the children that they will be drawing a safety poster to teach others the safety message they have learned (Stop! Look! Stay Safe!). They may be encouraged to make RADAR the focus of their poster.
- ▶ Give the children several ideas (or brainstorm together) for themes. E.g.,
 - ▶ “Store Flammable Materials Away from Heat Sources!”
 - ▶ “Stop! Look! Stay Safe!”
 - ▶ “Keep Poisonous & Corrosive Materials on a high shelf!”

Note: It is important that each child have your approval for their drawing before they start to ensure that accurate safety information is being presented.

- ▶ The children complete their posters and hang them up where others can see them.



Journal Entry

Purpose

- ▶ To promote recognition and understanding of the four hazard symbols

Learning Outcomes

The children will be able:

- ▶ To recognize and name each hazard symbol
- ▶ To explain what each hazard symbol means

Preparation

- ▶ Photocopy a Grade appropriate sheet for each child


How to Use

- ▶ The children draw a picture of each of the four hazard symbols and write two to three sentences that includes the name of the symbol and what it means

Variation

- ▶ Children may be encouraged to include RADAR in the sentence. E.g., RADAR says that...

Journal Entry: Each sheet has space for a picture of the hazard symbol and a few preprinted lines to write sentences about the symbol and the hazard. Include RADAR on the sheet.

Date	Journal
	



Story Sequencing

Purpose

- ▶ To reinforce the safe action steps to take when children encounter hazardous chemical products

Learning Outcomes

The children will be able:

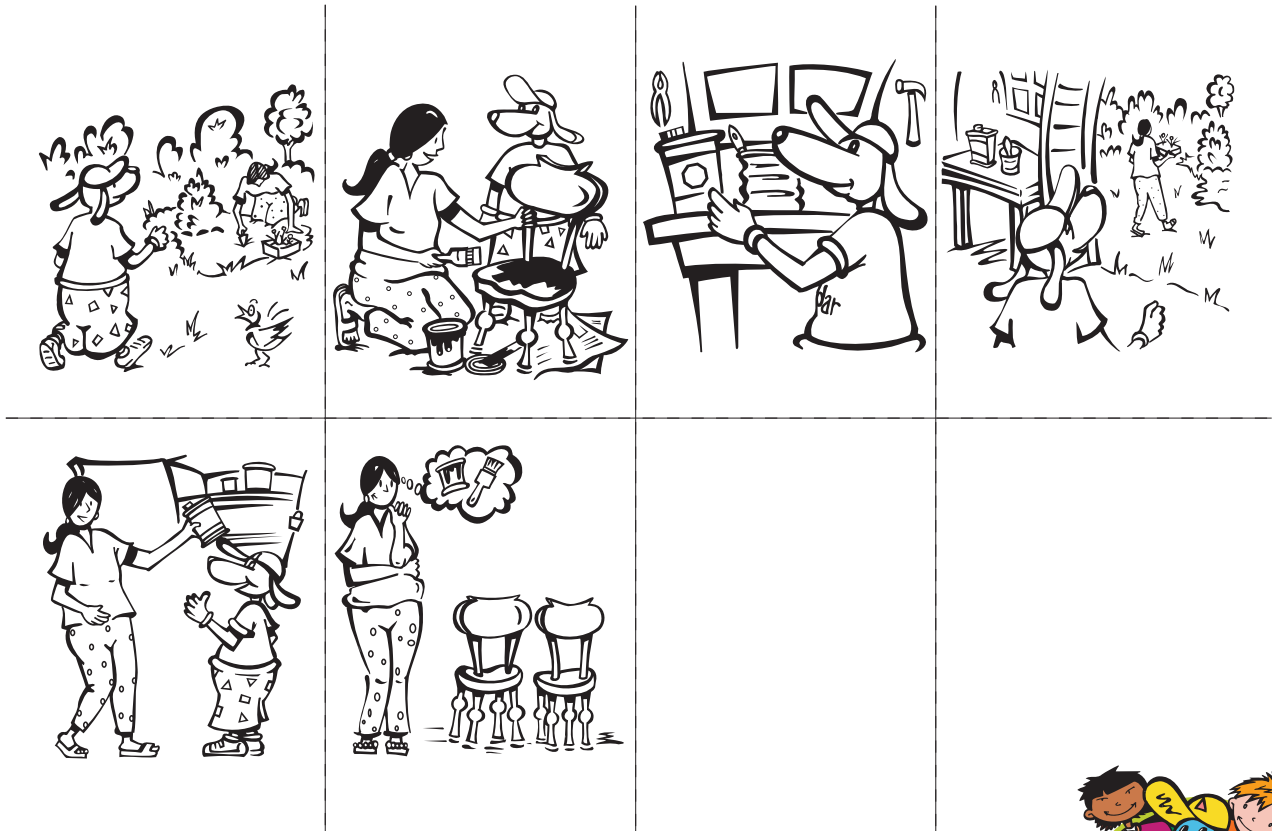
- ▶ To put the safe action steps in sequence
- ▶ To write an explanation of each action step

Preparation

- ▶ Photocopy a Grade appropriate sequence sheet for each child – see Appendix A

How to Use

- ▶ Discuss the four safe action steps with the children. Ask them to write the correct number in the sequence beside each sentence. You can correct these as a group or have children pair up to check their answers
- ▶ Have the children write the Safe Action Steps on the worksheet provided. Have them write one or two sentences to explain each action step
- ▶ Review the action steps as a group.
 - ▶ **STOP!** ... when you see a container. Don't touch!
 - ▶ **LOOK!** ... for a hazard symbol
 - ▶ **STAY SAFE!** ... go get a grown-up



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