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Safety Series

Worksheet No. 8

SAFETY IN THE HOME

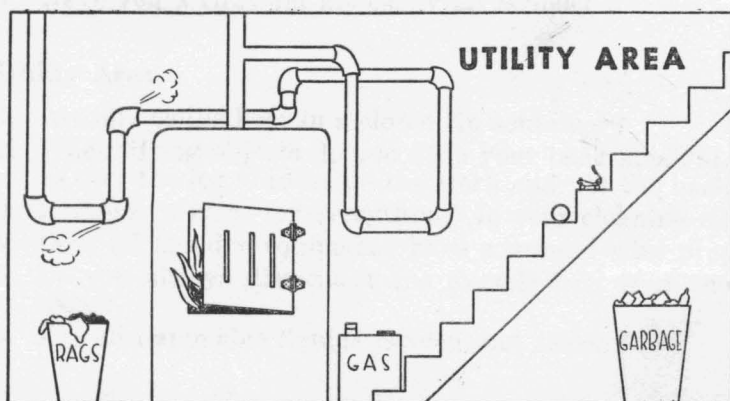
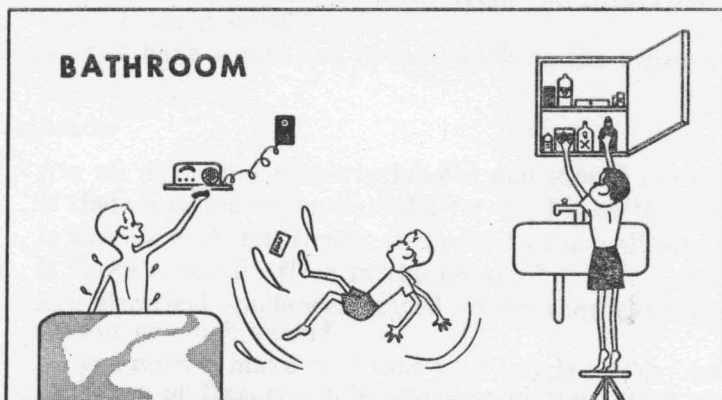
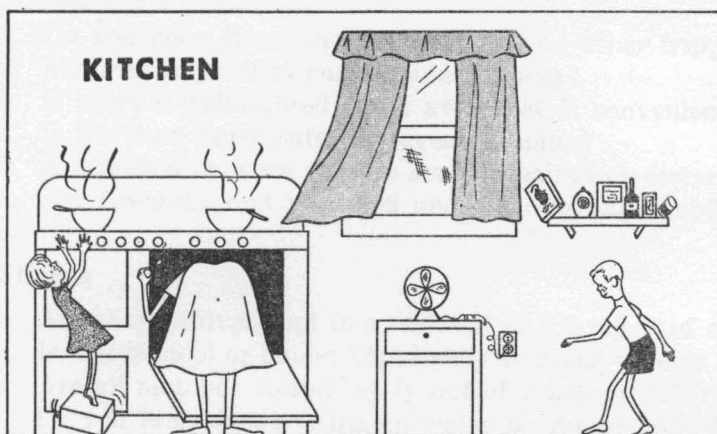
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Home Sweet Home

Someone is hurt each 7 seconds.
One person is disabled each 4 minutes.

HOW MANY HAZARDS CAN YOU FIND?

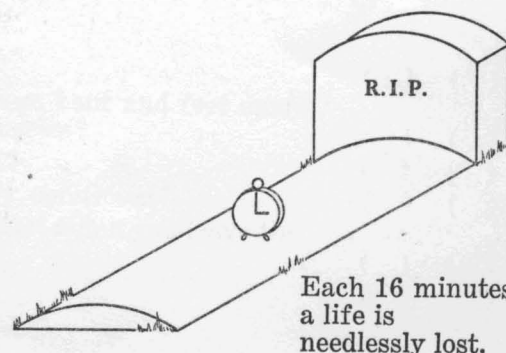
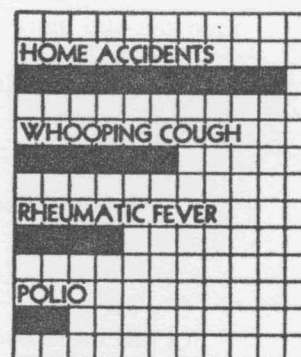


Annual Accident Toll

Deaths due to home accidents
caused by:

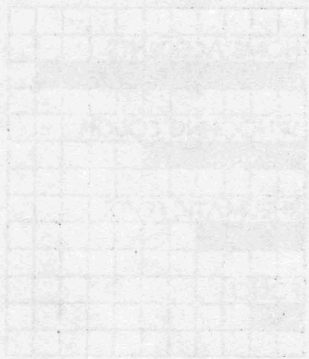
Falls	13,600
Burns	5,500
Poisoning	1,050
Carelessness of firearms	1,200
Other causes	6,650
Total	28,000

More children,
aged 1-14 die
from home accidents
than from any disease.



Home Safety Activities

Collect "before and after" pictures showing unsafe and safe practices in the home.
Paste pictures here and label them.



Check Your Home For Safety

	Check	(✓)
Bedroom		
	Yes	No
1. Do you keep the floor clear of tripping hazards?	()	()
2. Are bureau drawers closed to prevent painful bumps and bruises?	()	()
3. Are doors closed or left securely wide open?	()	()
4. Is the room well ventilated, especially in cool weather when using heaters?	()	()
5. Are too many appliances run from one outlet?	()	()
6. Are all flexible electric cords in good shape?	()	()
7. Do you keep scissors, pins and sharp tools out of reach of children?	()	()
Living Room		
1. Do you keep floors cleared of toys and other tripping hazards?	()	()
2. Are rugs kept from curling and slipping?	()	()
3. Is there a well-lighted study area that is convenient and comfortable?	()	()
4. Is the floor finish safe to prevent slipping?	()	()
5. Are frayed or worn electric cords repaired or discarded?	()	()
6. Are firearms kept unloaded and out of reach of children?	()	()
Kitchen		
1. Are sharp knives kept in a rack out of the reach of children?	()	()
2. Is a step stool or ladder kept handy to reach objects on high shelves?	()	()
3. Are all matches stored safely out of reach of children?	()	()
4. Do you immediately wipe up water or grease spilled on the floor?	()	()
5. Do you turn pan handles away from the front edge of the range but not over other heating units?	()	()
6. Do you have a safe can opener, such as the swing-away wall type?	()	()
Bathroom		
1. Are all medicines properly labeled and stored out of children's reach?	()	()
2. Is there a container or wall slot for used razor blades?	()	()
3. Is there a grab rail firmly anchored to the wall over the tub?	()	()
4. Is there a nonslip floor in the shower?	()	()
5. Are electrical appliances placed where they cannot be reached from the tub, shower or wash basin?	()	()
6. Do you always make sure that your hands are dry before touching any electrical appliance or fixture while standing in the tub or on a damp floor?	()	()
7. Have you a first aid kit easily accessible?	()	()
Utility Area		
1. Are oily cloths kept in a closed tin container?	()	()
2. When lifting objects do you keep your back straight, knees bent and feet apart so that the leg muscles do the work and not the back muscles?	()	()
3. Is there "a place for everything" in your cleaning closet?	()	()
4. Does all laundry equipment have a ground wire properly connected?	()	()
5. Do you always disconnect the electric iron from the outlet when you leave the room?	()	()
6. Are all flammable liquids labeled and sealed?	()	()

Home Safety Activities

About one-fourth of the accidents to rural people occur in and around the home.

Remove a hazard and you may save a life. You could prevent a lot of suffering. Learn and use safe living habits.

Explain what you did about correcting or removing hazards or unsafe practices in your home. Consider hazards you may find when cooking, sewing, laundering, house cleaning, viewing television or in personal care.

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