

SOCIAL STORY

WHAT TO DO IF MY HOUSE IS ON FIRE



If there is a fire in my house, the smoke alarm will make a loud noise to let me know it's time to get out of the house.

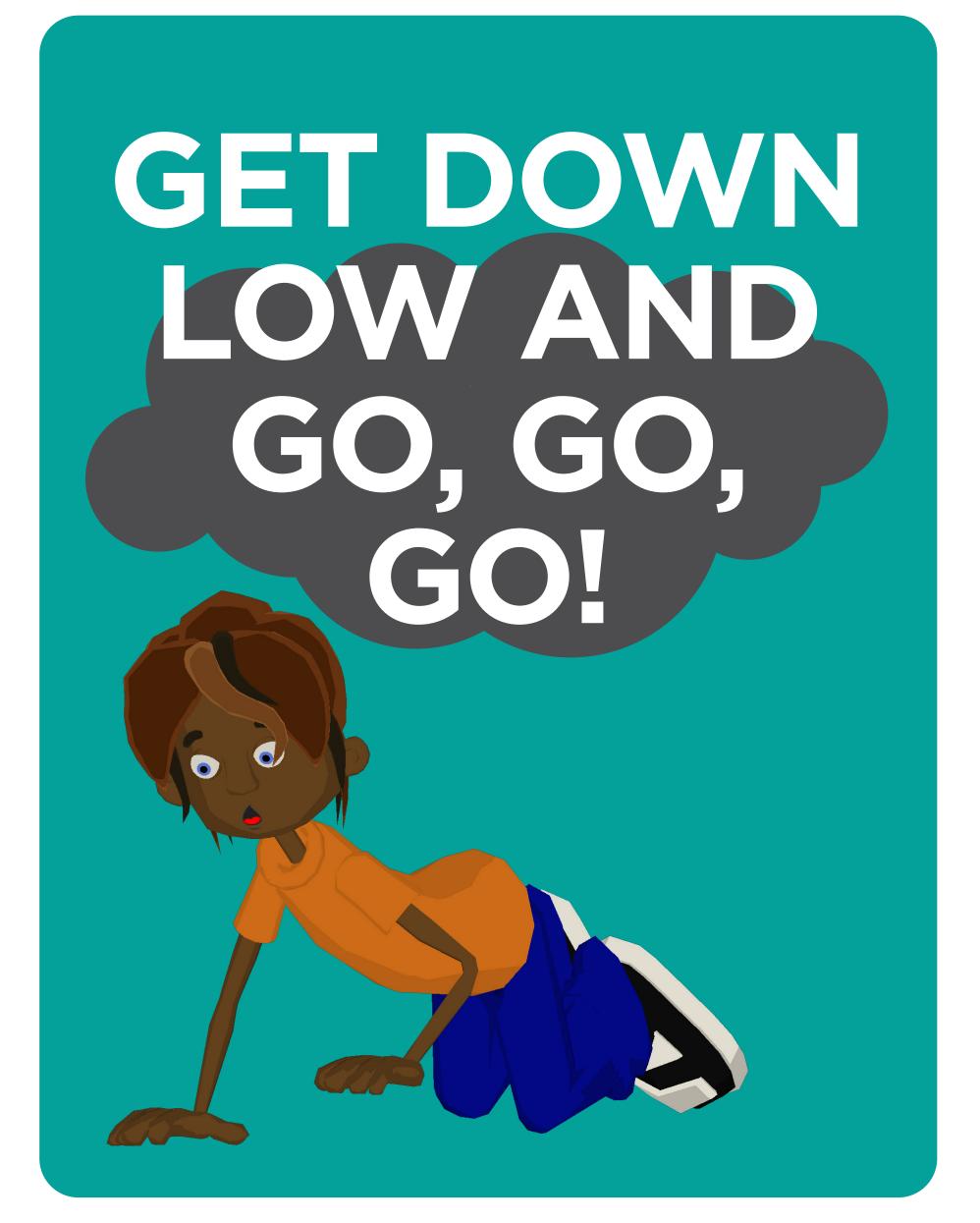
Even though I might feel scared, staying calm is important. I can follow these steps to stay safe.



GET DOWN LOW AND GO, GO, GO

Breathing in smoke and hot gases will hurt my lungs. I need to stay low and crawl under the smoke to the door.





SHOUT "FIRE, FIRE, FIRE"

I can help warn other people in the house by shouting "FIRE, FIRE, FIRE". I can do this while I'm crawling.

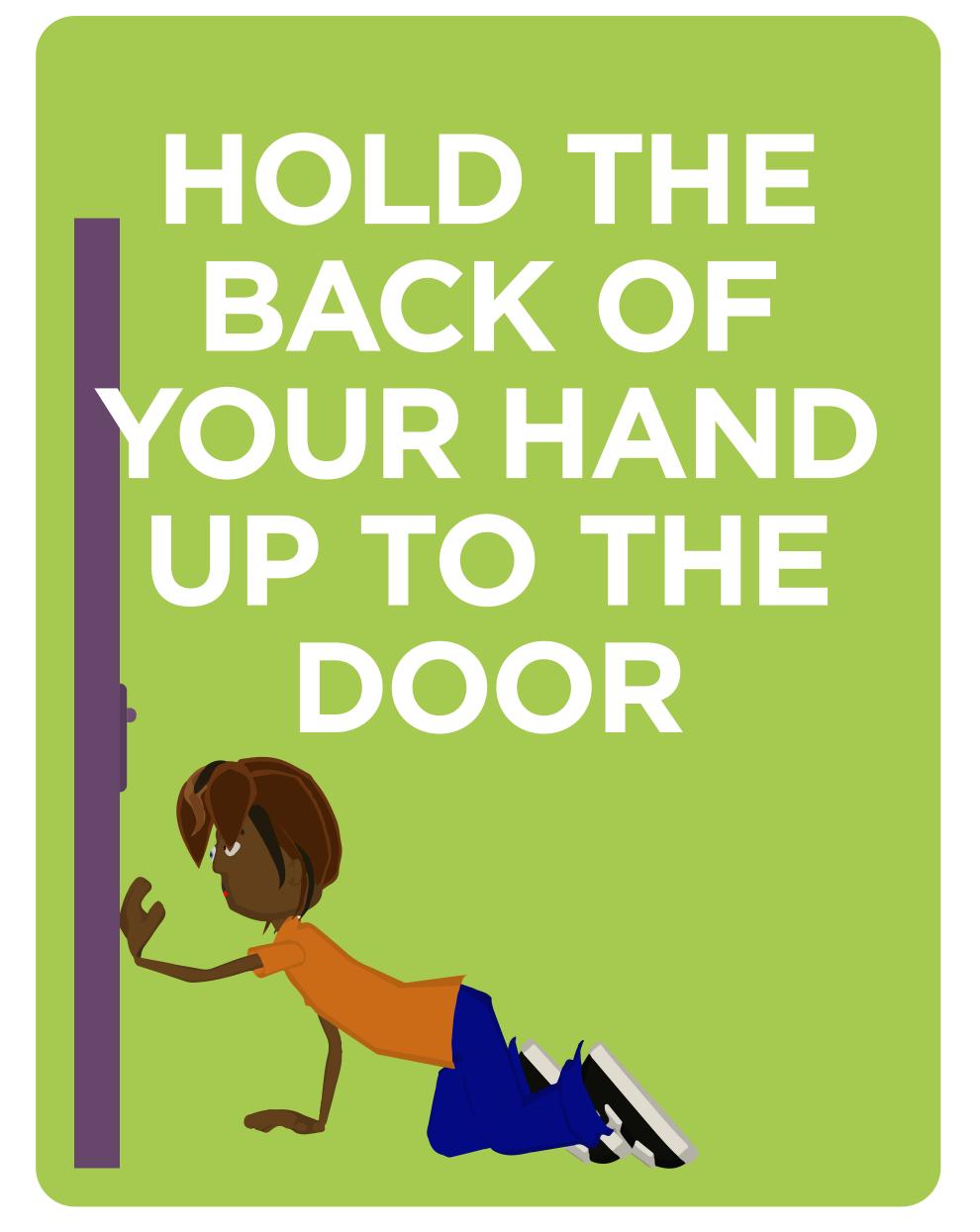


SHOUT "FIRE, FIRE, FIRE FIRE, FIRE, FIRE!

HOLD THE BACK OF MY HAND UP TO THE DOOR

Before opening a door, I need to feel it with the back of my hand.

This tells me if it is safe to go through the door.



IF THE DOOR IS HOT TO TOUCH

If the door is **hot** there is fire on the other side and it is not safe to go through. If this happens I should try and find another escape route (like another door or window).

Sometimes there won't be a safe way to leave the house. If this happens, stay in the room. I can roll up my clothes or sheets and push them against the bottom of the door to stop smoke coming under. The safest thing for me to do is to lie on my tummy in the middle of the floor and wait for firefighters.

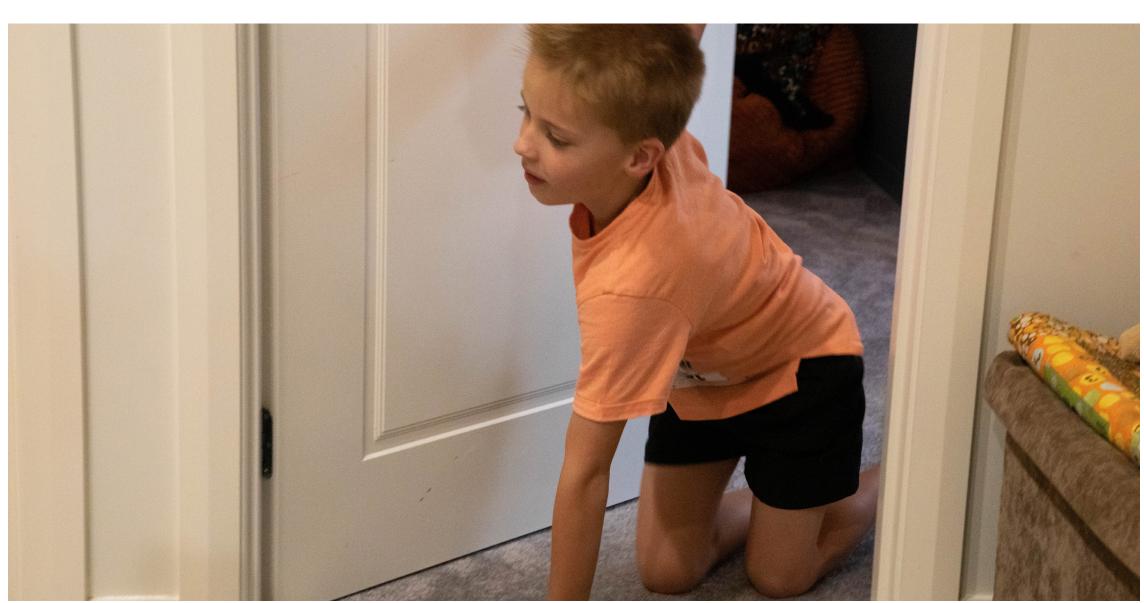




IF THE DOOR IS <u>COOL</u> TO TOUCH

If the door is **cool** I can open it and crawl through.



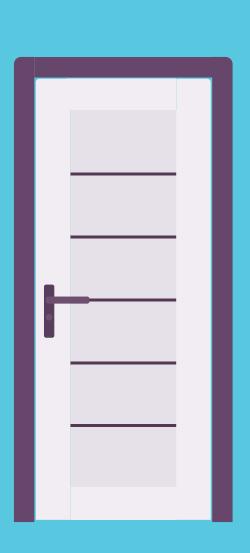


CLOSE DOORS BEHIND ME

To stop the fire from spreading, I need to close doors behind me as I leave.

I need to stay low while doing this.

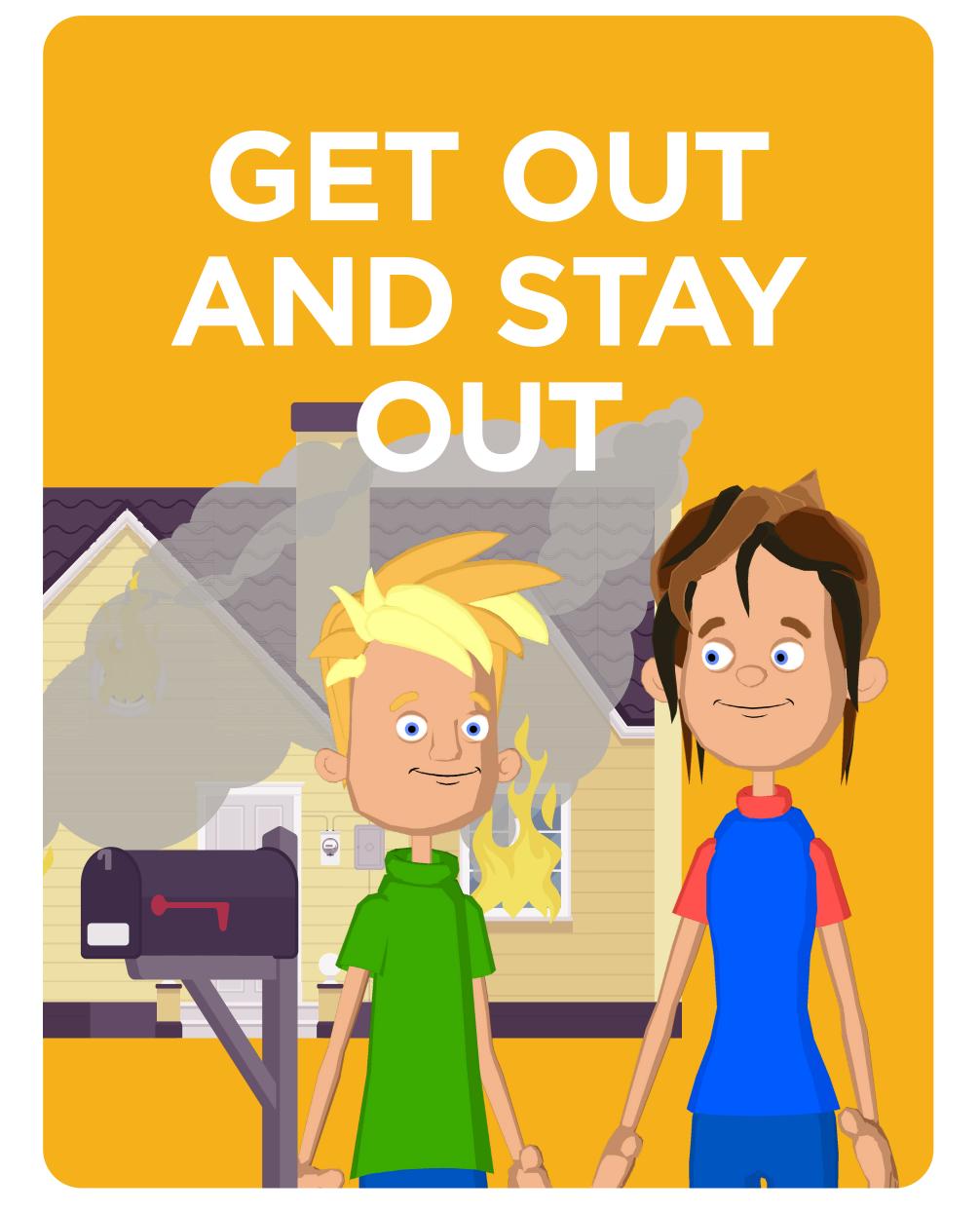
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GET OUT AND STAY OUT

Small fires can quickly become big fires. I need to get out as fast as I can and stay outside.

I might feel worried if I have left a toy or pet inside. It is important to NEVER go back inside a house that is on fire. Firefighters will rescue any people or pets that are trapped inside.



GO TO MY SAFE MEETING PLACE

Once I am outside the house, I need to go to the safe meeting place my household have agreed on.

This place is decided when a household creates a Home Fire Escape Plan.

The safe meeting place at my house is:

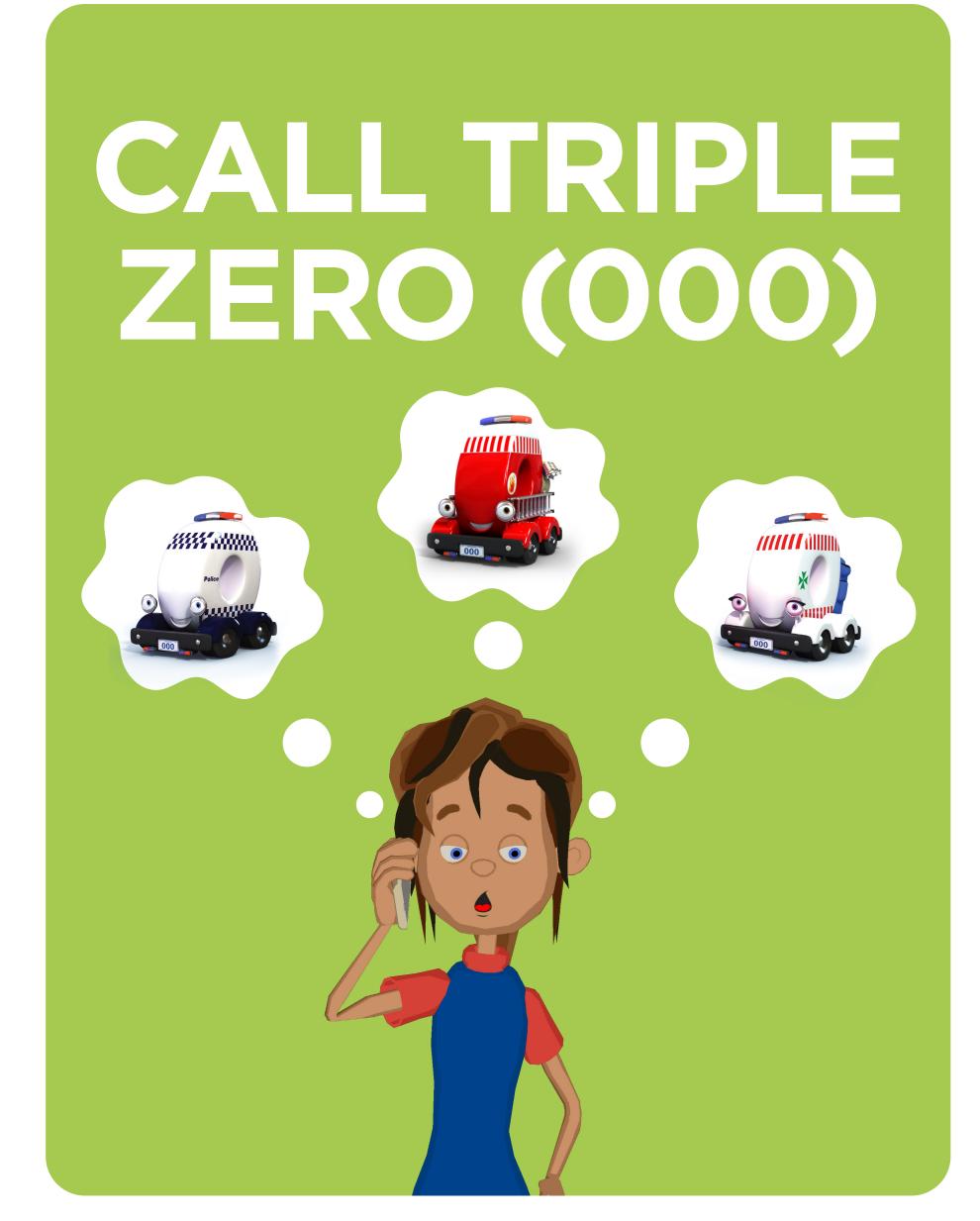


CALL TRIPLE ZERO (000)

I can use a mobile phone or a neighbour's phone to call Triple Zero (000).

The operator will ask me questions. I need to answer the questions and stay on the phone until the operator tells me I can hang up.





WAIT FOR FIREFIGHTERS

I need to wait at my safe meeting place for firefighters. That way they will know I am okay.

The firefighters and my family will be proud of me for staying safe and waiting for them'.

