

6-8 | Objective 1 | Lesson 3



FIRE PREVENTION AND LIFE SAFETY EDUCATION

PLUG INTO SAFETY (LONG)

OBJECTIVE

SWBAT identify fire hazards in the home and recognize that most fires start in the kitchen. Explain the importance of being proactive and taking preventative measures in the home.

SUGGESTED TIME:

45 minutes

MATERIALS:

[Be FDNYSmart When Using Extension Cords Video \(1:11\)](#)
[FDNYSmart Plug Into Safety and Get Wired Passages Plug Into Safety Activity](#)
[FDNYSmart Electrical Safety Video \(5:47\)](#)

TEACHER SCRIPT:

Today we will discuss fire prevention and life safety (or This week is Fire Prevention Week). Extension cords are useful, but it is important to understand they can be a fire hazard. Today, we will learn preventative measures that can be taken to avoid a fire caused by an overloaded extension cord.

ACT NOW:

Present the short [Be FDNYSmart When Using Extension Cords Video \(1:11\)](#). Ask student volunteers to review a few facts from the video.

ACTIVITY:

Distribute copies of the Plug Into Safety Passage and Activity to students. Read the instructions aloud and begin. When students complete and check their work, show the [FDNYSmart "Electrical Safety" Video \(5:47\)](#).

EXIT NOW:

Ask the class: If you do not have enough outlets to meet the needs of your family, what should you do? If a home was built in 1965, will the home have GCFIs in the kitchen and bathroom?

TEACHER NOTES:

Additional Exit Now review
-If you are not sure whether an extension cord can handle all the devices you are plugging in, what should you do?
-Can you use an extension cord for an air conditioner?