Connecticut Fire Prevention
Poster Contest

Acceptable Materials: Markers, Pens, Colored Pencils, and Crayons
Tempera Paints, Watercolor Paints...

Paper Size: 12 x 18 Inches ONLY.
White, Manila, or Poster Board.

NO replicas of copyrighted or registered characters or logos.

All posters must be done ENTIRELY by the student. No group projects or Parental 'Hands On' is allowed.

See attached for the complete list of contest rules, goals, requirements, procedures, dates, and deadlines.

Contact Mrs. McCue with any questions.
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Submit poster to Mrs. McCue when completed.

Program Rules Summary 2026-2027

- The Fire Prevention Poster Program is open to **ALL** students in **4th & 5th** grade

- You must create a Poster with your own, original artwork that **represents Fire Safety & Prevention** – bright, fun, easy to read & understand. It should convey a simple, effective & important message that anyone can grasp! Use the information you've learned from your fire safety education!

- Poster MUST include the following wording:

  "Fire Prevention - Everyone/Everyday"

- Paper size must be 12"x18" (heavyweight or cardstock type preferred)

- **Correct spelling is required** – please spell check with a parent or teacher before submitting. Misspelling can result in being disqualified!

- Once done, hand your poster in to your teacher or principal so they can submit it to your local fire marshal by Friday, December 11, 2026

- **Most important, HAVE FUN and remember to share fire safety & prevention with your family, friends and neighbors! YOU are the most important tool for preventing fires!**

Important Dates to Remember 2026-2027

October 1, 2026: Local Recognition Programs begin across the state – students start creating posters

Friday, December 11, 2026: Deadline for posters to be submitted to Ms. McCue at Johnson School by Friday December 11th 2026.

Friday, January 8, 2027: Deadline for Local Fire Marshals to submit town winner posters to their County Representative (Each county representative's contact information is located on the Fire Marshal Letter – please reach out)

Friday, January 29, 2027: County Representatives must submit 4 winners to the CT Fair Plan for State Judging by this date

An awards luncheon will be held in **Spring 2027** for all 32 county winners. This is by invite only and the state winner will be announced at this event.

JUDGING CRITERIA CHECK SHEET

Posters will be judged by the following criteria:

1. **Neatness and Readability:**

   Is lettering legible?
   Is spelling, correct?
   Can words be read at a distance?
   Do words conflict with pictures?
   Does it have carrying power?

2. **Originality in Idea and Treatment:**

   Does the poster say: "FIRE PREVENTION - EVERYONE/EVERYDAY"? Other phrases, (the idea being conveyed) may be included. If the phrases and ideas are used by others, is the treatment original or unique?
   Replicas of copyrighted or registered characters, logos or clip art are not permitted.

3. **Is a Fire Prevention Message Conveyed?**

4. **Relationship to the Theme:**

   Do the illustrations and captions reinforce each other?

5. **Emotional Impact:**

   Does the message "come across" quickly or do you have to "figure it out"?

   Are the main words more important (larger, stronger, brighter, etc.) than secondary words or phrases?

   Do the colors reinforce the emotional sense or feeling of the concept?

   Are both the words and pictures strong enough for impact?

6. **Reproducibility:**

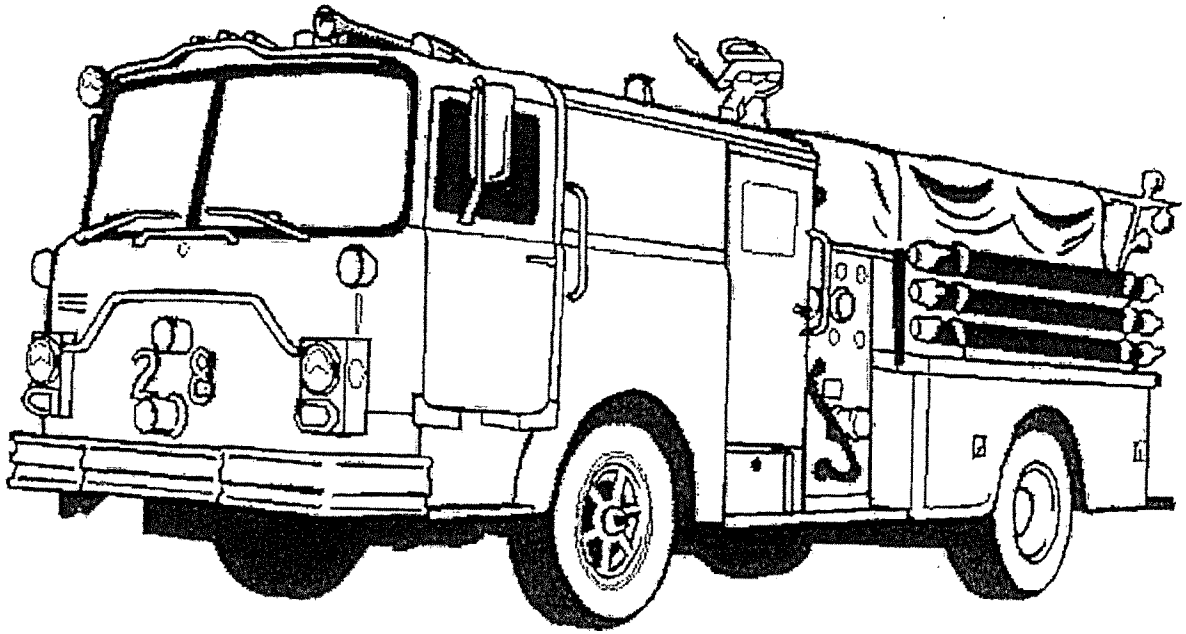
Can the poster be printed as is, or would it require some redrawing or color change? Are there any details that may get lost when reproduced? (Collages generally do not reproduce well)

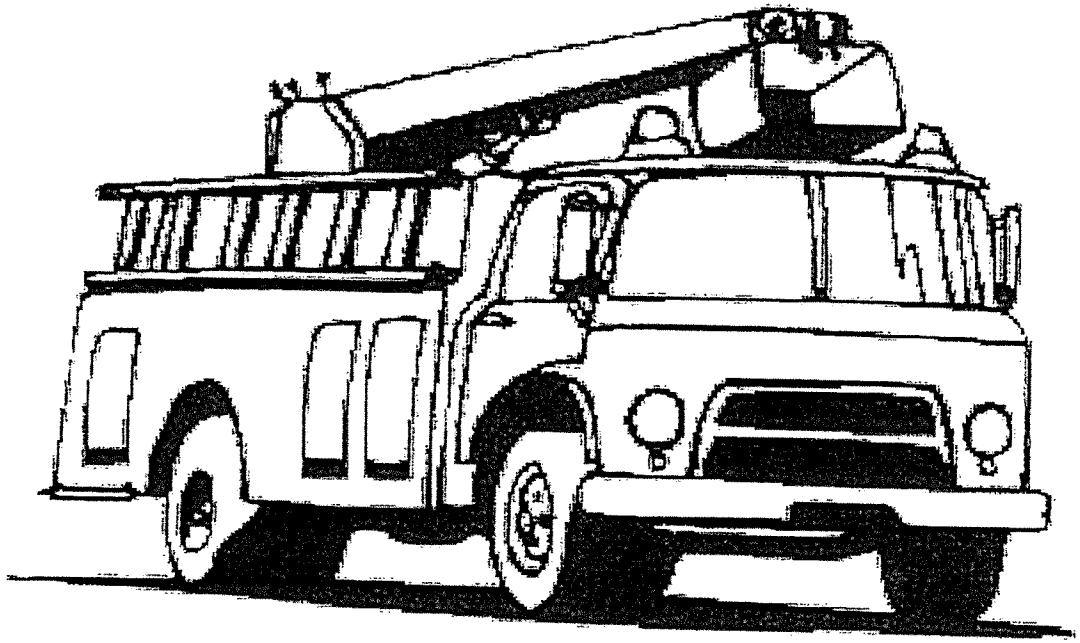
Fire Safety Rules

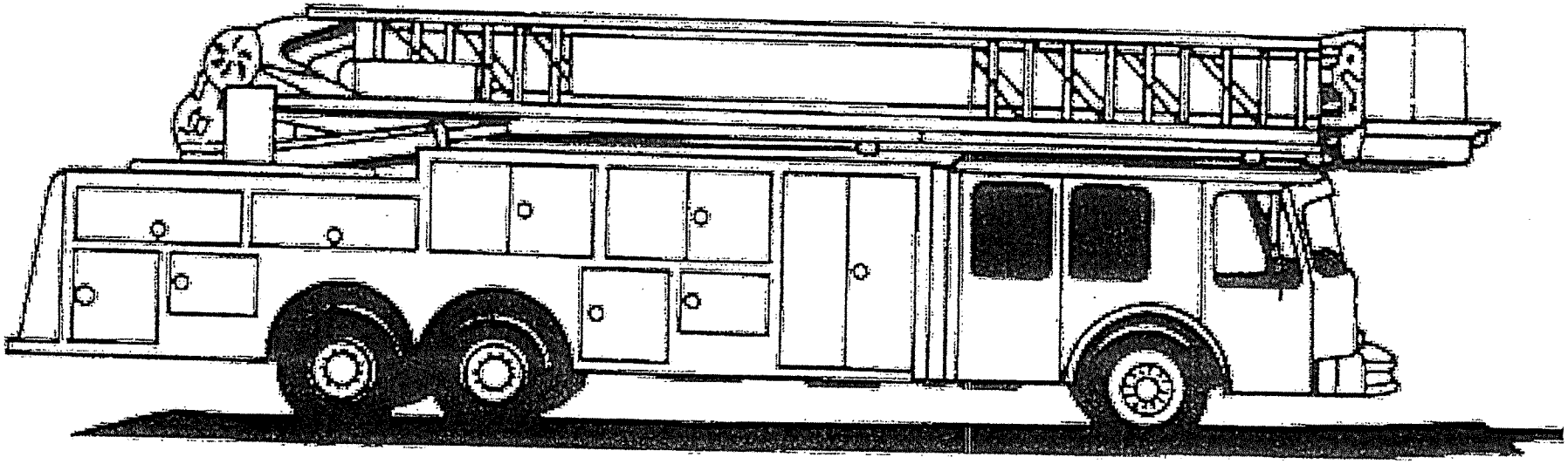
1. Matches and Lighters are not toys. Do not play with them. Give them to adults.
2. Do not hide during a fire. Let the firefighters see you and know where you are.
3. Stay low and crawl towards the nearest exit if you see and smell smoke.
4. Get out and stay out of burning buildings.
5. Stop, drop, and roll if your clothes catch on fire.
6. In case of an emergency call 911 for help when you get to a safe place.
7. Have a meeting place and practice fire drills at home.
8. Keep safe and do not play with fire.

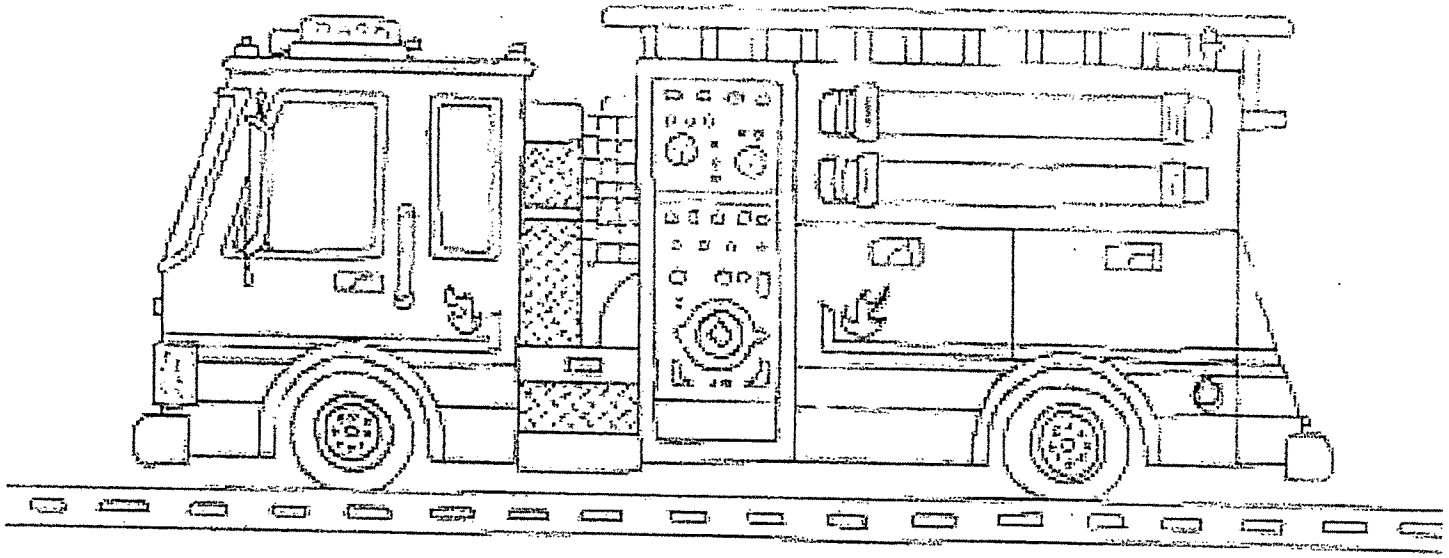
Fire Prevention Poster Contest
Word Bank

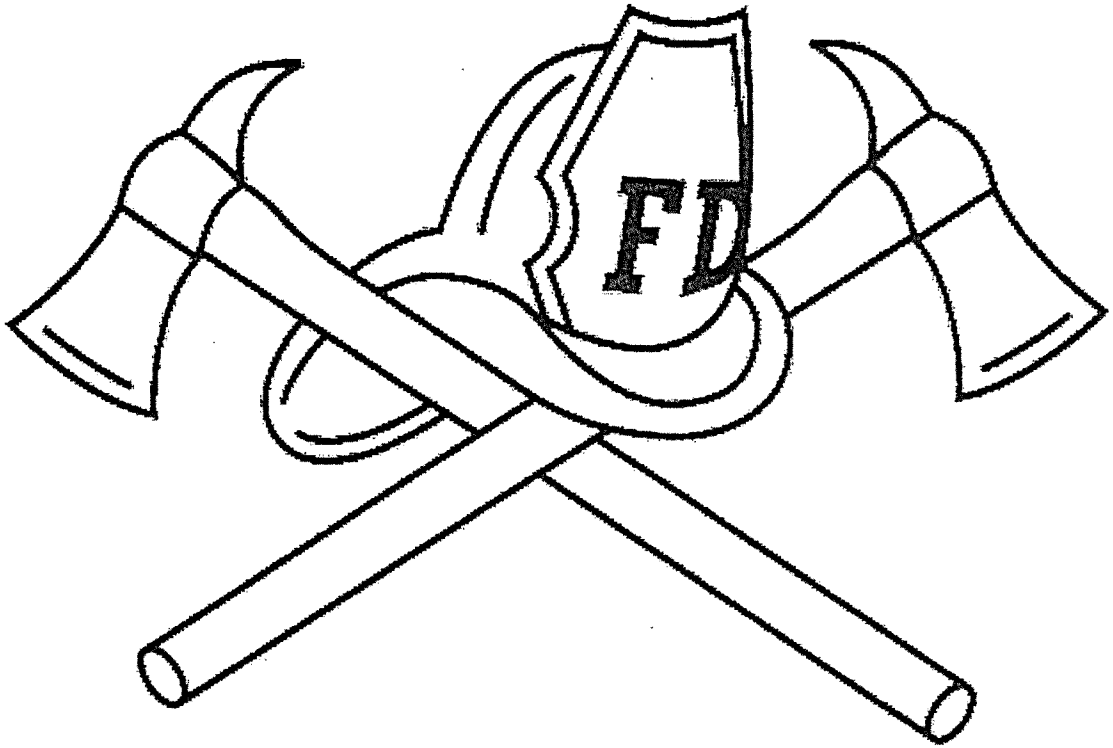
Fire Prevention	Awareness	Safety
Matches	Smokey	Cigarettes
Burn	Smoke Detector	Batteries
Fire Fighter	Fire Engine	Fire Hydrant
Ladder	Escape	Save
Extension Cords	Plan	Safety Drill

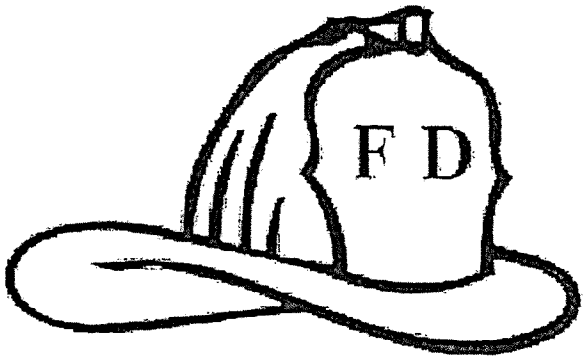




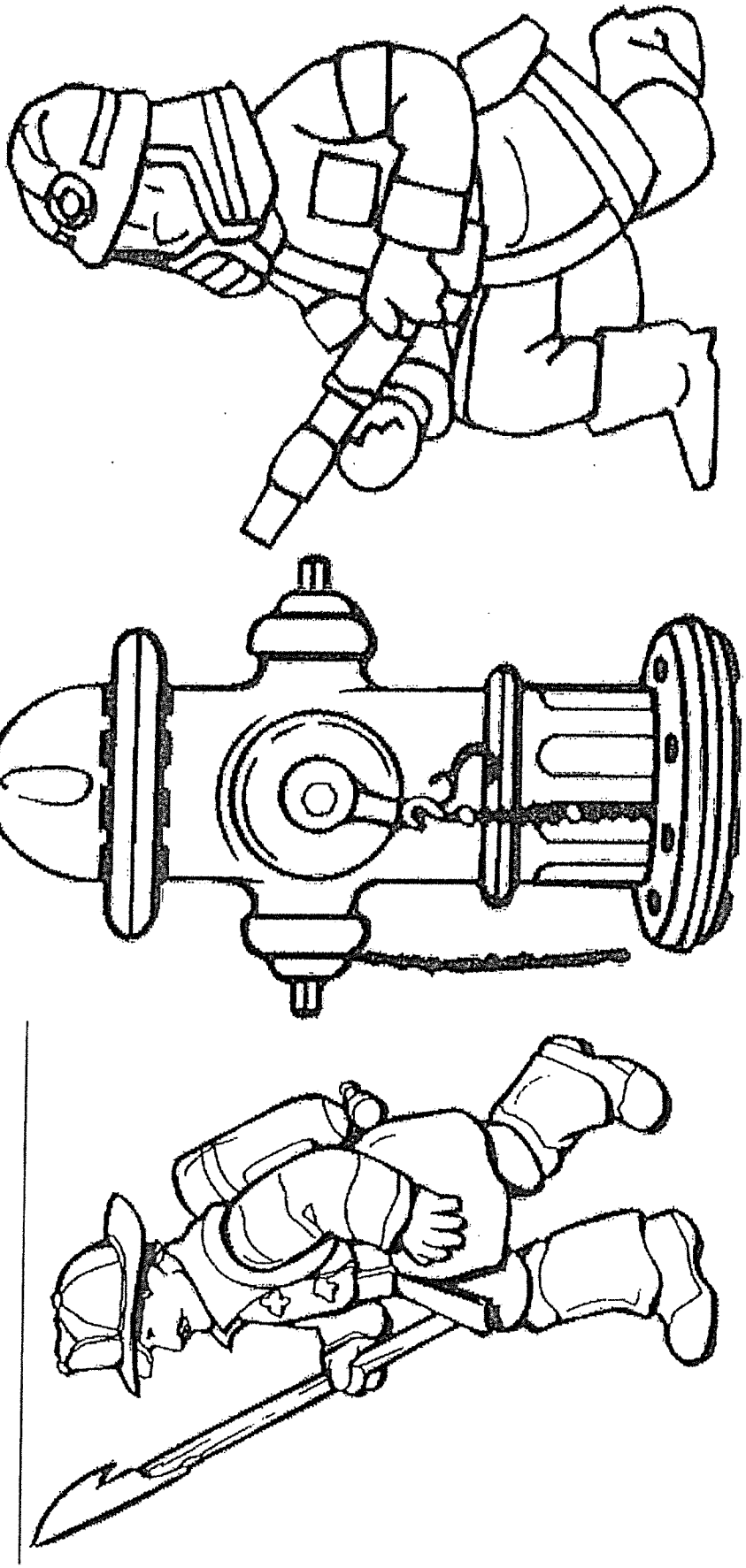






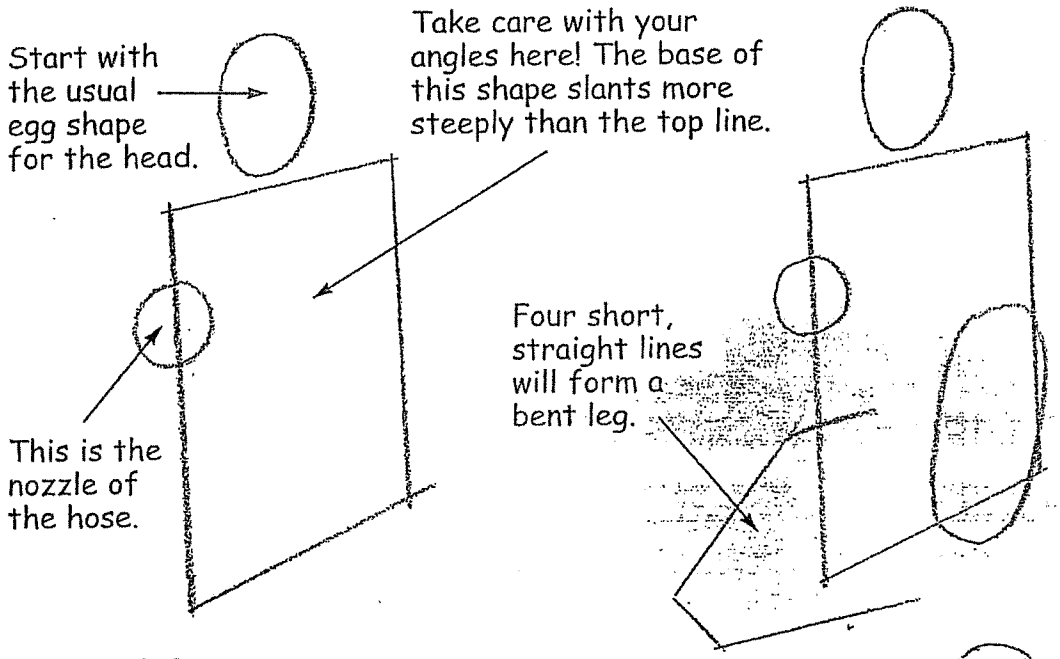


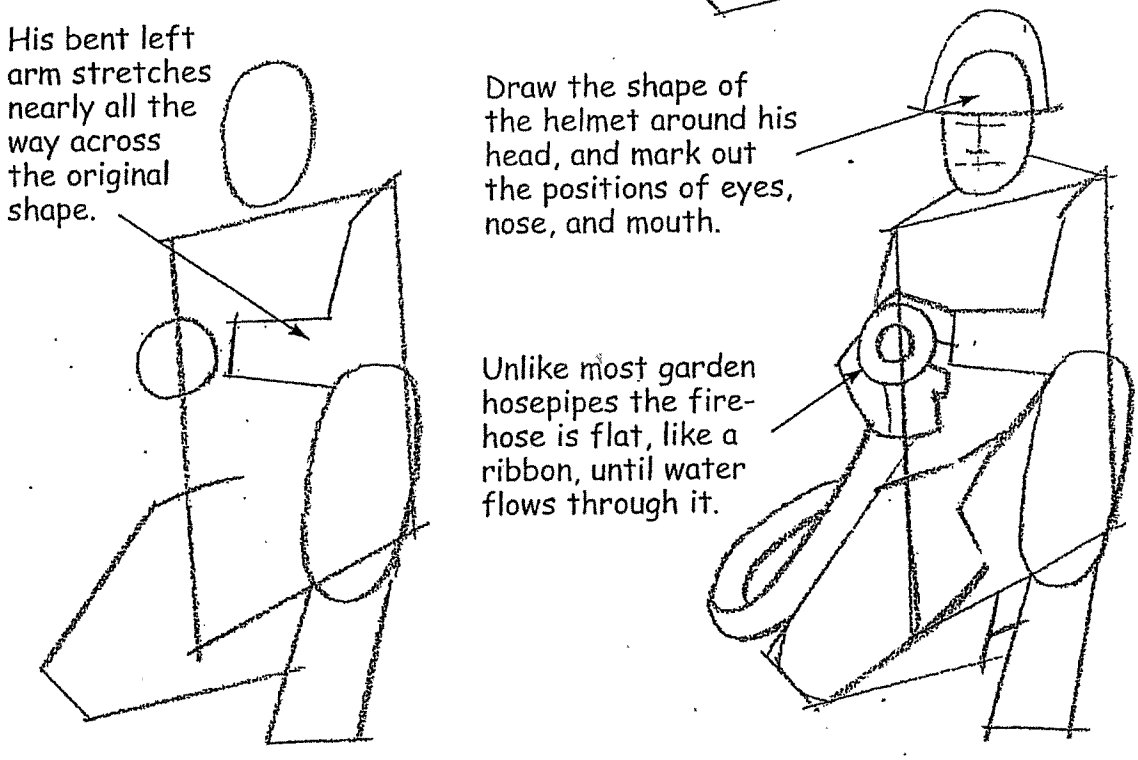
Fire Helmet



Firefighter

The first organized team of firefighters was formed by the Ancient Romans. Regular fire brigades were not formed until the 18th century. Today they use modern equipment, but theirs is still a very dangerous job.

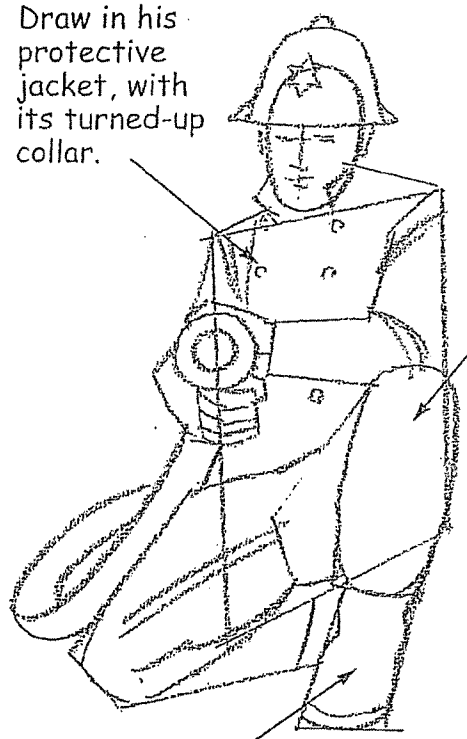




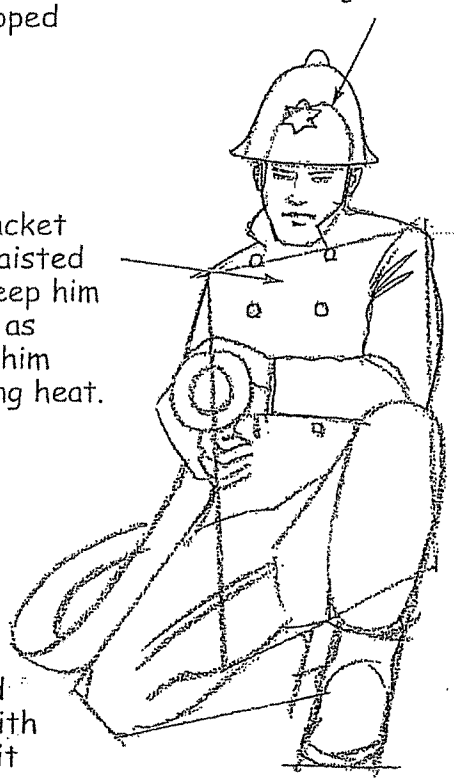
Draw in his protective jacket, with its turned-up collar.

This 'splash suit' is the outfit worn for most fires. It is made of heat-resistant materials developed for spaceflight.

The hard helmet protects the firefighter's head from falling debris.

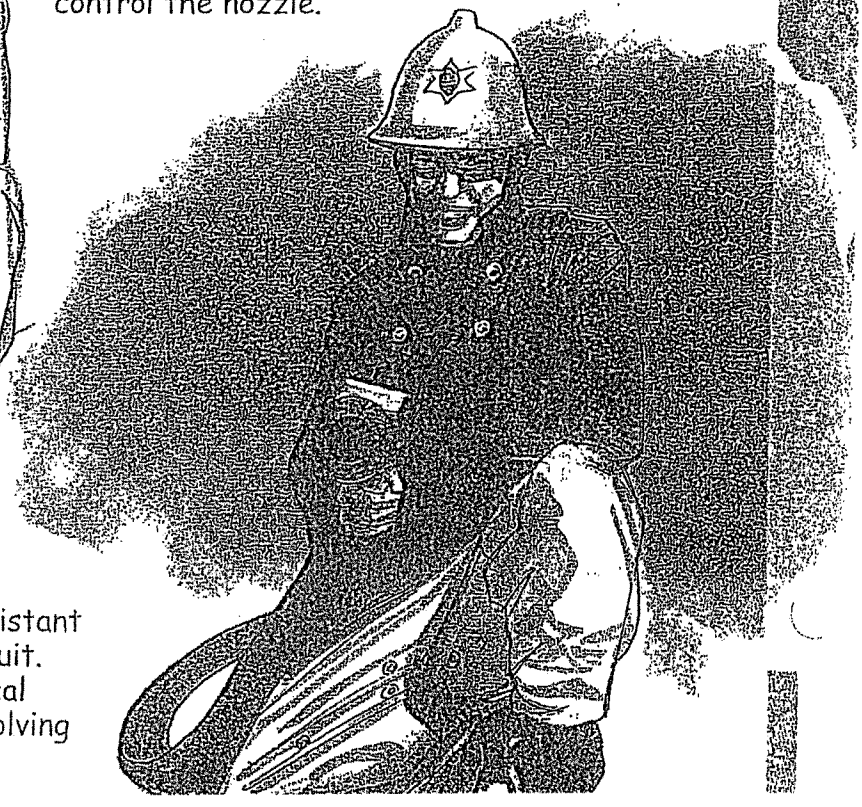


The long jacket and high-waisted trousers keep him dry as well as protecting him from searing heat.



Heavy boots are essential.

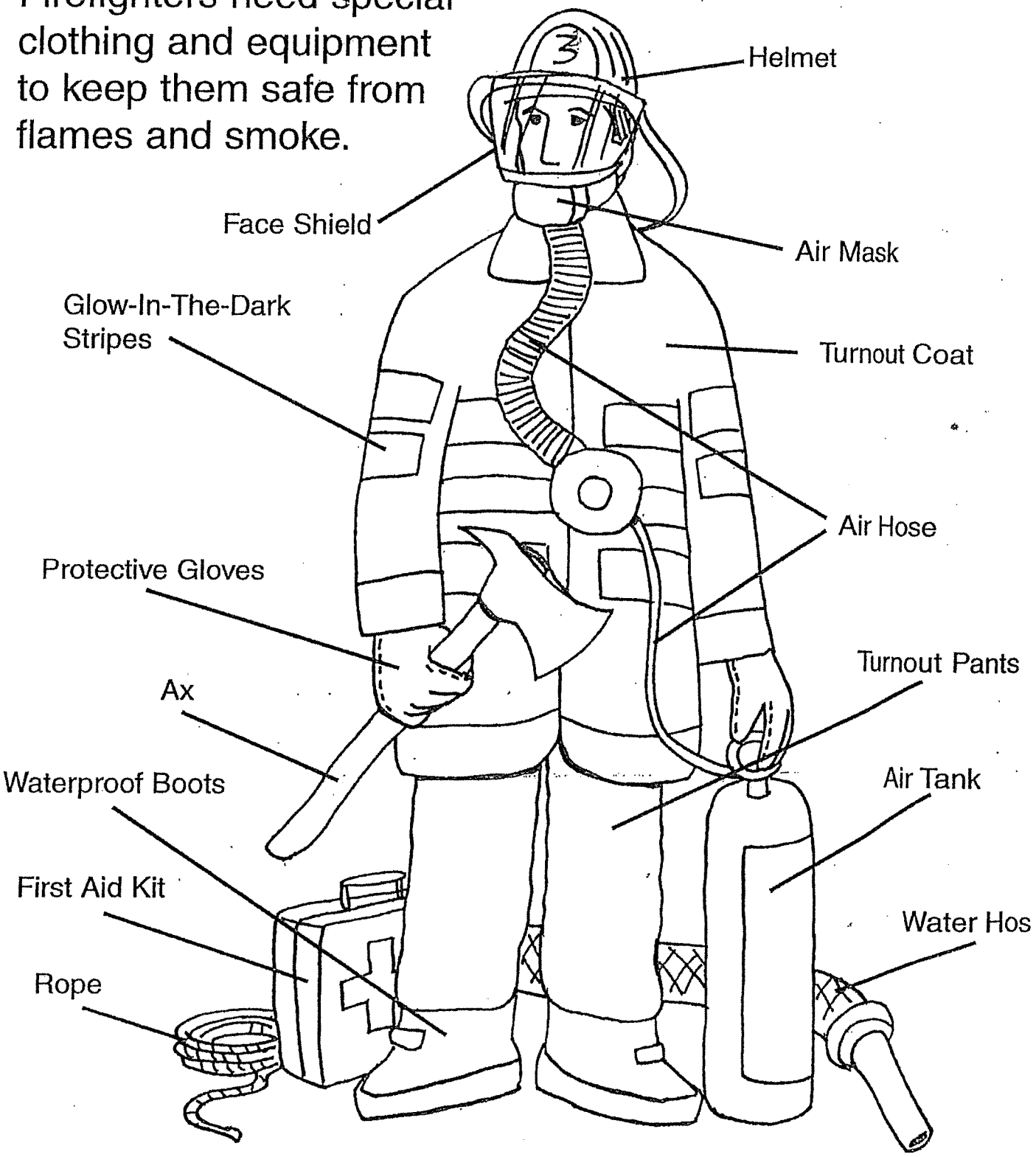
Water is pumped down the hose with such force that it may take several firefighters to control the nozzle.



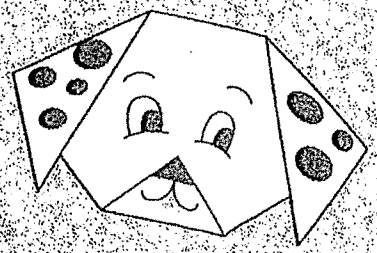
For dangerous situations like aircraft fuel fires, a fire-resistant suit is worn over the splash suit. Firefighters also have chemical protection suits for fires involving poisonous chemicals.

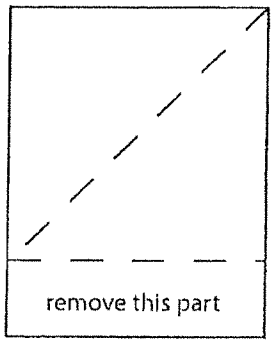
FIREFIGHTER'S GEAR

Firefighters need special clothing and equipment to keep them safe from flames and smoke.

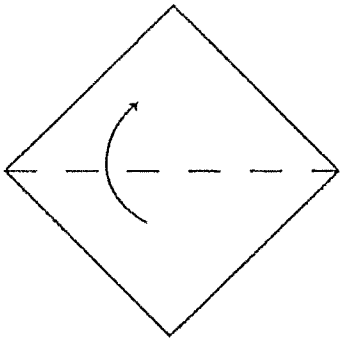


How To Fold An Origami Dog!

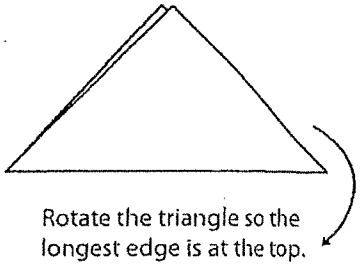




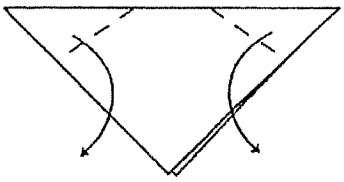
You'll need a square piece of paper. If you don't have origami paper, you can make a square from a rectangle. Fold on the dotted lines, and cut away the extra.



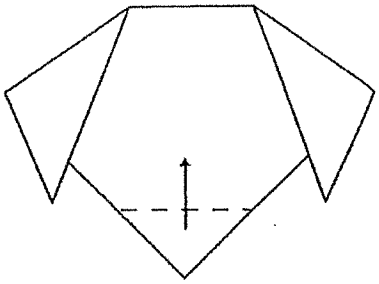
Fold your square in half diagonally.



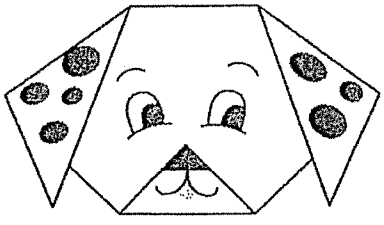
Rotate the triangle so the longest edge is at the top.



Fold the top points down on the dotted lines to make ears.



Fold the bottom points up on the dotted line to make a mouth.



Draw a face and spots on your dog to look like Sparky!