Preparing for disasters: Fire
A road to resilience in Southeast Asia
One hot summer’s day…

Ha ha! Fireworks are so fun!

Oooops!

Seconds later…

Aargh!

Trapped by the raging fire, Ton sits in a nearby pond.

With the help of strong winds, the furious forest fire spreads to the nearest village…

Bleep!

FIRE?!

Ouch!!!

Aaaaaaargh!

Fah’s hand is burnt on the hot door handle.
Cough cough!

If I stay close to the ground, I'll breathe in less smoke.

I made it!

Fah! I'm so happy you're OK!

Hellllppppp!

At that moment, Fah notices that her clothes are on fire!

Stop, drop and roll!

Fah drops to the ground, covers her face with her hands and rolls. This cuts off the air and puts out the flames.

Thank you Ton!

Please don't thank me! This terrible fire was all my fault!

I've learned my lesson. I'll never play with fire again!
Below is a list of things to remember if there is a fire. Study it well, these tips could make all the difference for you and your family!

- Make sure everyone in your household knows where and how to evacuate to
- Always take part in fire drills
- Plan more than one way to exit your location
- Never leave fire unattended
- Make sure all fire tools are easy to access
- If you are advised to evacuate, leave immediately
- If you are not trained and equipped to fight a fire, don’t risk your life
- When there is a fire, before opening a door:
  - Check to see if there is heat or smoke coming through cracks around the door. If yes, do not open!
  - Touch the door and doorknob. If it is hot, do not open!
  - If the door is cool, open carefully and follow your escape route
- Keep close to the ground—there is less smoke there
- Even if you’re scared, never hide from fire fighters — they will not find you!
- Regularly check that your fire alarm is working
- If your clothes catch fire stop, drop to the ground, cover your face with your hands, and roll

To learn more about disasters, please visit: www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster/home-fire

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