



Sparkles' Fire Safety Skype Tour™ with the Fire Safety Dogs!



The Fire Safety Dogs



Teacher's Guide

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FIREFIGHTER DAYNA & THE FIRE SAFETY DOGS



As Seen on
FOX and Friends
&
PBS KIDS Sprout

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paw on the pulse of fire safety."
Chicago Tribune



Introduction

Welcome to the Teacher's Guide for a Skype visit from Firefighter and Fire Safety Educator Dayna Hilton and her special Fire Safety Dogs. The following information will be helpful in planning your event.

About Dayna Hilton

Firefighter and Fire Safety Educator Dayna Hilton joined the fire service in 2000. A nationally recognized fire safety expert, Hilton and her four-legged companion, Sparkles, travel throughout the United States delivering fire safety messages to children and their caregivers. Together, Hilton and her Fire Safety Dogs have reached millions through their appearances on *PBS KIDS Sprout* and *FOX and Friends*.



A second generation firefighter, Hilton is Founder and Executive Director of Keep Kids Fire Safe® Foundation, owner of Firehouse Dog Publishing, and author of the award-winning, critically acclaimed children's fire safety book and audio book, *Sparkles the Fire Safety Dog*.

Hilton's award winning children's fire safety book, *Sparkles the Fire Safety Dog*, is featured in the Home Safety Council's Start Safe pre-school curriculum and Oklahoma State University's Fire Protection Publication's Fire Safety for Young Children curriculum. *Sparkles the Fire Safety Dog* is the most current children's fire safety book and audio book on the market, which has been credited with saving the lives of two adults and seven children.



Best Books
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USA Book News

🐾 Sparkles the Fire Safety Dog as told by Dayna Hilton

Angelica's Story

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My four-legged friend, Sparkles the Fire Safety Dog (rescued from a home with 62 other dogs), has reached millions of children and their caregivers with the fire safety message since being adopted in May 2003. To date, Sparkles has helped save the lives of two children and their families

Five year old Angelica shared this story with me, "Firefighter Dayna~ I was in bed under the 'cobers' and the smoke came. I crawled out of bed and crawled low, just like Sparkles [the Fire Safety Dog] showed me to. I said, 'C'mon daddy, you have to get on the floor and crawl low like Sparkles.'"

By this time, her dad was disoriented because he had been standing in the smoke filled room. Thankfully, he was able to follow Angelica out of the house. The firefighters later shared with me that Angelica's father followed her out of the house and as soon as he reached the door, they scooped him up and took him to the hospital (where he spent 7 days~ 4 in ICU). Immediately after the firefighters carried him away from the front door, the firefighters shared that the house flashed over (a "flashover" is where a structure totally becomes engulfed in flames).

A day does not go by where I don't think of Angelica and her story. I am so thankful that she and her dad are safe.



Angelica, Dystiny and Sparkles the Fire Safety Dog
Sparkles has been credited for helping save the lives of Angelica and Dystiny's families

Our Needs When Visiting Virtually Via Skype

Audiences: Typically the Fire Safety Dogs and I address Pre-K through First grade audiences. We also participate in library and safety events as well as fire department activities and festivals. Presentations can be tailored to meet your specific needs.

Needs are based upon what your school or organization has available for set up. Ideally, it is best to project the Fire Safety Dogs and myself onto a screen or Smart Board.

For pointers on using Skype, please visit <http://www.skypeanauthor.wetpaint.com>.

Depending on how many children will be participating in the virtual visit will determine how we handle Q & A. With a large group (100 or more), it is best to have 10-15 children chosen ahead of time who will approach the computer/webcam to ask us a question. With a smaller group, the teacher can call on each child who has a question and ask them to come to the computer/webcam.



Child asking question during *Sparkles' Fire Safety Skype Tour*. Photo used with permission and image releases taken for children in photo. Photo by Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation.

Outline of Our Presentation

The thirty minute program includes children meeting a real fire safety dog, the reading of Hilton's children's fire safety book, singing fire safety songs and administering the Jr. Firefighter Oath by Hilton and a Fire Safety Dog. The time will also include a question and answer time.

The presentation will be adapted to the age of the audience so that the appropriate fire safety educational messages will be shared. If multiple classes are grouped together for a presentation, it is suggested that the students are close in age.

Timeline

- Introduction of a Fire Safety Dog
- Selected reading
- Sharing of fire safety tips
- Singing of fire safety song
- Jr. Firefighter Oath
- Q & A

Students will learn four valuable fire safety messages that will help keep them and their family fire safe. These messages include:

1. Recognizing the firefighter as a helper and a friend
2. Knowing the sound and purpose of a smoke alarm
3. Understanding the importance of practicing a home fire drill using an escape map
4. Knowing when and how to crawl low under smoke

I am always willing to work with you to create a custom program to suit your needs.







Final Checklist


The fun and exciting day is fast approaching! Make sure you have remembered to:

BEFORE VISIT


 Promote the visit within the school creating a dog crazy frenzy about reading, and learning about fire safety, as well as how fun it will be to see a real fire safety dog!


 Fill out application form and submit online or via fax


 Conduct the short pre-test before the Skype visit


 Send Skype username to keepkidsfiresafe@gmail.com at least 3 days before visit


 Schedule technical run-through

 Participate in technical run-through


 Make copies of free downloadable materials for students.

 Have students prepare questions in advance.

 Visit Sparkles' fire safety website at www.sparklethefiresafetydog.com

 Contact local press and media—they love a positive, uplifting story and your students just may get their picture in the paper!



 Complete all the check-marked items in yellow and have your name entered to win a \$250 Visa gift card!



= Required for Skype Visit



Final Checklist

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DAY OF VISIT



Conduct the short post-test immediately after Skype Visit



Send the following sheets home with students: Letter to Caregivers, Escape Map, Bookmark page, Save Form.

AFTER VISIT



Tabulate pre and post test results and submit within three days after Skype visit



Complete and submit Feedback form within three days after Skype visit

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at keepkidsfiresafe@gmail.com or call me at 479.979.7328 (US) or 479.754.8652 (Canada and international calls).

The Fire Safety Dogs and I look very forward to meeting you and your students and visiting your school via Skype!



SIGN UP TODAY!

Visit www.keepkidsfiresafe.org to sign up
your school or organization!

Schools and groups will receive **BONUS** downloadable fire safety supplementary materials for their class **FREE of charge!**



Bonus includes links to the following downloadable materials:

-  **Sparkles Fire Safety Skype Tour e-Book**
-  **Sparkles the Fire Safety Dog Coloring Page**
-  **Sparkles the Fire Safety Dog Jr. Firefighter Certificate**
-  **Sparkles the Fire Safety Dog Escape Map**
-  **Follow-up letter to parents from Sparkles the Fire Safety Dog**
-  **“Save page”**





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The Fire Safety Dogs will be visiting your school!



Hi Boys and Girls!

Our names are Tango and Siren and we can not wait to Skype with your school Learning fire safety can be so much fun! See you soon!

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