

METHODS FOR TEACHING FIRE SAFETY TO 6-11 YEAR OLDS

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Do you know how to teach 6-11 year olds?

References:

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NFPA 1035 Standard for Professional Qualifications for Public Fire and Life Safety Educator

1. Learning characteristics of 6-11 year olds:
 - a. They are developing the ability to conceptualize.
 - b. They are developing "self" attitudes.
 - c. There is a social, physical and intellectual thrust.
 - d. More attentive with hands-on learning
 - e. They look for adult approval and have a strong need to feel accepted.
 - f. They don't like comparisons with others.
2. Instructional methods to use when working with 5-11 year olds:
 - a. Be aware they are active and encourage physical involvement.
 - b. Respect the child.
 - c. Provide relevant information.
 - d. Lesson should build confidence.
 - e. Need simple and short directions.
 - f. Involve affective and cognitive domains.
 - g. Provide lots of encouragement and recognize even small successes.
3. Adolescents may learn or not learn for extrinsic reasons such as peer pressure.
4. Examples of teaching methods for 6-11 year olds:
 - a. Skits and role-playing involving kids and firefighters.
 - b. Games that educate and build confidence (Team Jeopardy.)
 - c. Music, videos.
 - d. Storytelling with safety message.