

# SAFETY DISCUSSION PICTURE FIREFIGHTER

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Discussion pictures are a valuable tool in teaching children safety concepts. They allow open ended conversation so that kids can voice their own ideas and opinions, providing teachers an opportunity to address specific concepts and fine tune their knowledge. Because they allow children the freedom to discuss the situation, they serve as practice for a real emergency. They can also be used to test children on what they have learned. Use them often, either one-on-one or in a group setting. Just print out this document, which includes teacher instructions below along with the discussion picture on the following page. Show the picture to the kids, then use the following ideas as discussion guidelines.

## ***Questions to ask:***

What do you think this equipment is used for?  
If someone were dressed like this, what would he be doing?  
How would you feel if you saw someone dressed like this?  
Why would a fireman need a mask to breathe through?  
Why would a fireman need such a thick, heavy suit?

## ***Points of Learning:***

Never run or hide from a fireman, he is trying to help you.  
An axe is used for getting into locked houses that are on fire.  
The heavy suit protects the fireman from burning.  
When someone is breathing through respiratory equipment, they sound like 'Darth Vader.'  
The respirator protects the fireman's lungs from the smoke.

## ***Alternate Writing Activity***

With older children, you can make discussion pictures a creative writing activity. Simply show them the picture, provide them with writing paper, and have each child write a short story about what they think is going on in the picture. After completion, share each others' stories and use the time to talk about the safety concepts.

