



## **The Kids on the Block Program on Fire Safety and Prevention**

**Featuring: Renaldo Rodriguez, Melody James and Joanne Spinoza**

Through realistic roleplays, lively music and entertaining action, Renaldo, Melody and Joanne provide tangible tools for children to use when incorporating fire safety and prevention strategies in their lives. Originally designed in conjunction with the Alexandria, Virginia, Department of Public Safety, the program introduces children to reasonable fire safety measures and to other crucial safety information.

The package consists of large hand-crafted puppets, three scripts, one song, props, and follow-up activities and resources, to form a comprehensive curriculum on the topic. The program features three of the most popular Kids on the Block characters from whom children will learn how to prevent fire, how to avoid potentially hazardous situations, and how to react appropriately should danger occur.



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# Script Summaries

## Fired Up About Fire Prevention

When Joanne finds some discarded matches, Melody warns her not to touch them. Melody then addresses the concept, "Fire is a tool, not a toy." This leads to a discussion about fire prevention for Joanne and the audience. **(Melody, Joanne)**

## Playing with Fire

When Melody and Renaldo are pretending to be forest rangers, one of their adventures includes having Renaldo's aunt make popcorn the "old fashioned way," on the stove. Renaldo's aunt heats oil in a pan, but then forgets about it. Soon Melody and Renaldo smell smoke and are faced with what to do when a kitchen (grease) fire occurs. **(Melody, Renaldo)**

## What to Do in Case of a Fire

Melody and Renaldo demonstrate what to do when a fire starts in the home. During a pretend scenario, Melody and Renaldo are awakened by shouts of "Fire!" The children then role play the steps for escaping a building fire and review those steps with the audience. **(Melody, Renaldo)**

## Stop, Drop and Roll

In this lively song (cassette and lyrics included), Joanne and Melody teach what to do if a person's clothing and/or body catch on fire. They invite the audience to participate in singing and acting out the song. **(Joanne, Melody)**

**NOTE: After each script, the puppet characters review the information presented during the scripted interchange with the children in the audience.**

**The Kids on the Block**, created in 1977, features life-sized puppets who, through the magic of live puppet theatre, teach children and adults about disabilities, medical and educational differences, and social concerns. Through the hard work and dedication of many community-based groups, **The Kids on the Block** puppets are able to touch the lives of people all over the world.