

Sparky Makes A List



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One day, Sparky the Fire Dog was in the kitchen at the fire station. He was helping the firefighters make lunch.

He was stirring the big round pot of navy bean soup with a big wooden spoon. Sparky thought he was being very careful. But his paw brushed against the hot, hot pot and . . .



... "YIPES," that hurt!

It was just a little pink burn,



but Sparky quickly put his paw under the kitchen faucet and let the cool water run and run. After awhile, it felt better and he turned off the cool water.

Sparky knew he didn't ever want to get burned again. He wondered how many other things at the fire station could be hot and burn him.

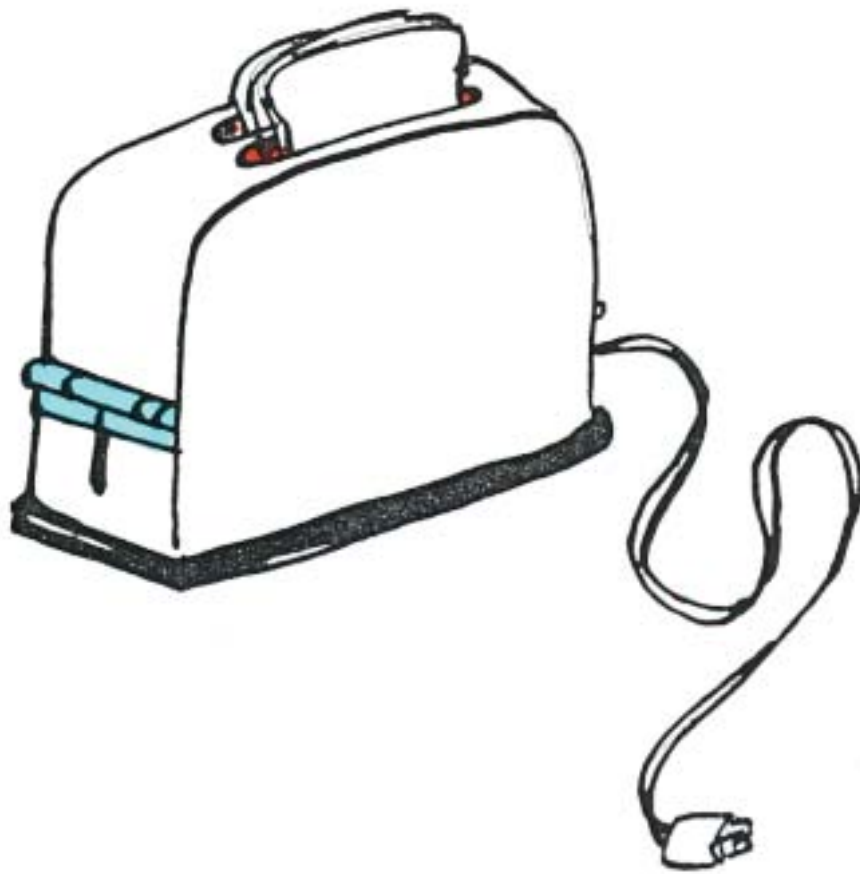
He decided to make a list that would help him to remember to be extra careful around them.



Sparky put the hot soup pot at the top of his list.

He added the stove to the list, next.

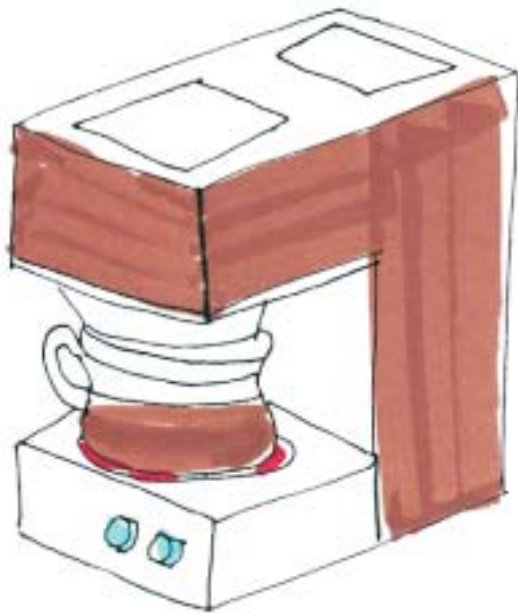




And the toaster, too.

One of the firefighters was drinking a hot cup of coffee. "If that coffee spills, somebody might get burned," thought Sparky and he put that on the list.

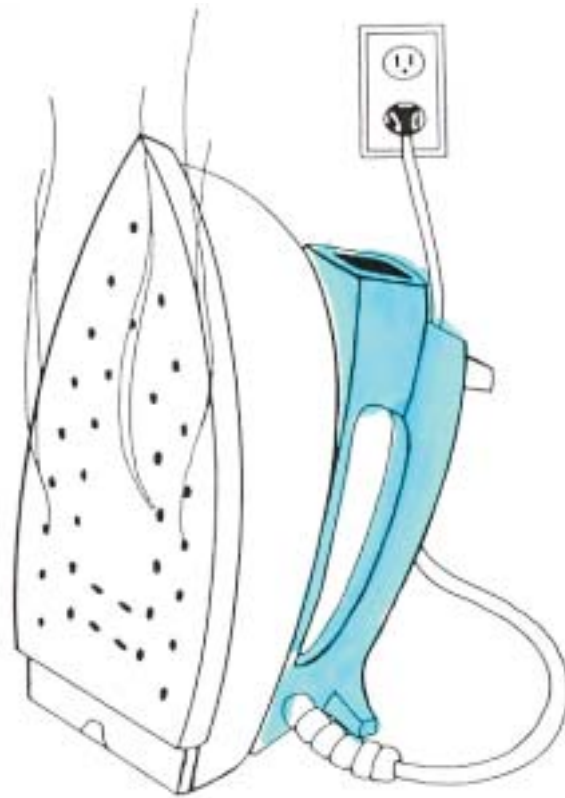




And the coffee maker, too, of course.

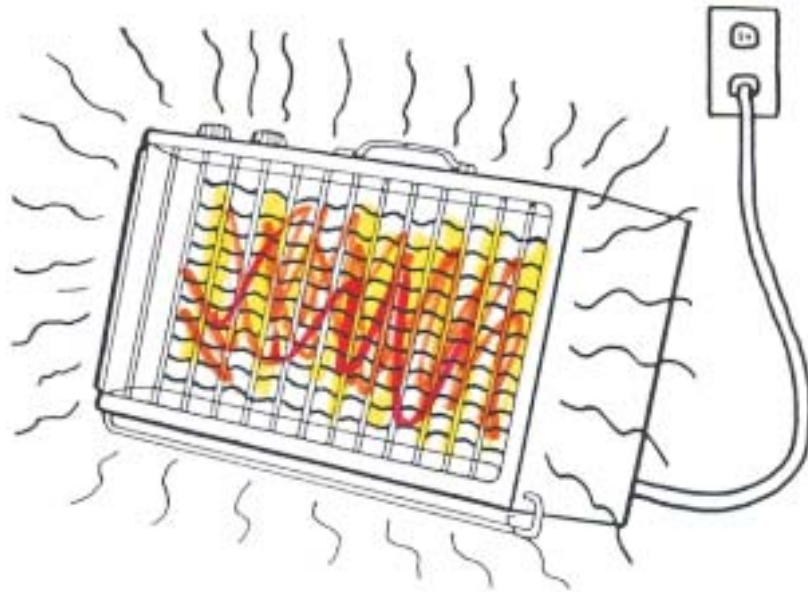
Then, Sparky went to the utility room. One of the firefighters was ironing his shirt.

"An iron can get very hot," thought Sparky. "I'll add that to my list."



And he did.

Next, Sparky saw a small heater on the floor. He remembered that it could be very, very hot.



It went on the list, also.

Now Sparky had seven things on his list of hot things at the fire station.



He made copies of his list and gave them to his friends, the firefighters. He knew that the list would help them remember to be extra, extra careful around the hot things, too.



And he even made a copy of the list for you!

Sparky's List of Hot Things at the Fire Station

Color the pictures below. Draw a red circle around each one to help remember that they get HOT!



Stove



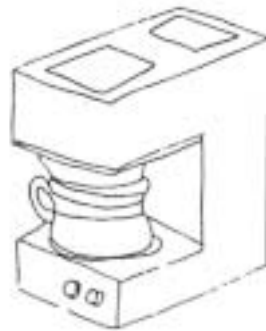
Toaster



Cup of coffee



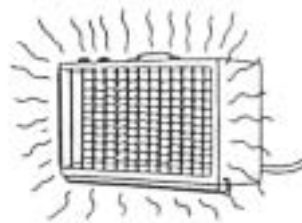
Coffee maker



Iron



Heater



Hot Things at Home:

Draw and color other hot things at your home on another piece of paper.