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SESAME STREET

# Wildfires: Color & Learn

Learn to **PREVENT**, **PREPARE** for, and **PROTECT** Against Wildfires

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SESAME WORKSHOP



## Emotional Preparedness *IS* Preparedness

Talking with children about wildfires can be difficult and may bring up big feelings and questions. Let children know what to expect. This will keep their attention and gain their trust. Tell children **“It’s Okay to Be Scared, That’s Why We’re Prepared!”** Explain that you understand their feelings. Follow your child’s lead; usually their questions will let you know how much they’re ready to hear.

### Grown-up Tip

Try telling children about wildfires with this simple explanation.

#### **Q: What is a wildfire?**

**A: A wildfire is a fire that starts outside—in any place that has trees, grass, bushes, or plants—and can spread to other places.**

Wildfires get dangerous if they spread to places where people live, like homes or buildings. Wildfires start because of lightning or because people make mistakes like not putting out a campfire.

# Dear Caregivers,

Wildfires can happen anywhere and anytime.\* No matter where you live, there are ways for everyone (and every family member!) to help, which benefit the whole community. When in doubt, remember the **3 Ps**:

**Prevent** wildfire by clearing flammable materials away from the home and practicing fire safety when outdoors.

**Prepare** for wildfire by practicing your evacuation route and packing a family “go bag” in advance.

**Protect** from wildfire by staying informed and listening to the special helpers (firefighters) who keep us safe.

\*Wildfires that happen near towns or cities are often described as occurring in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI).

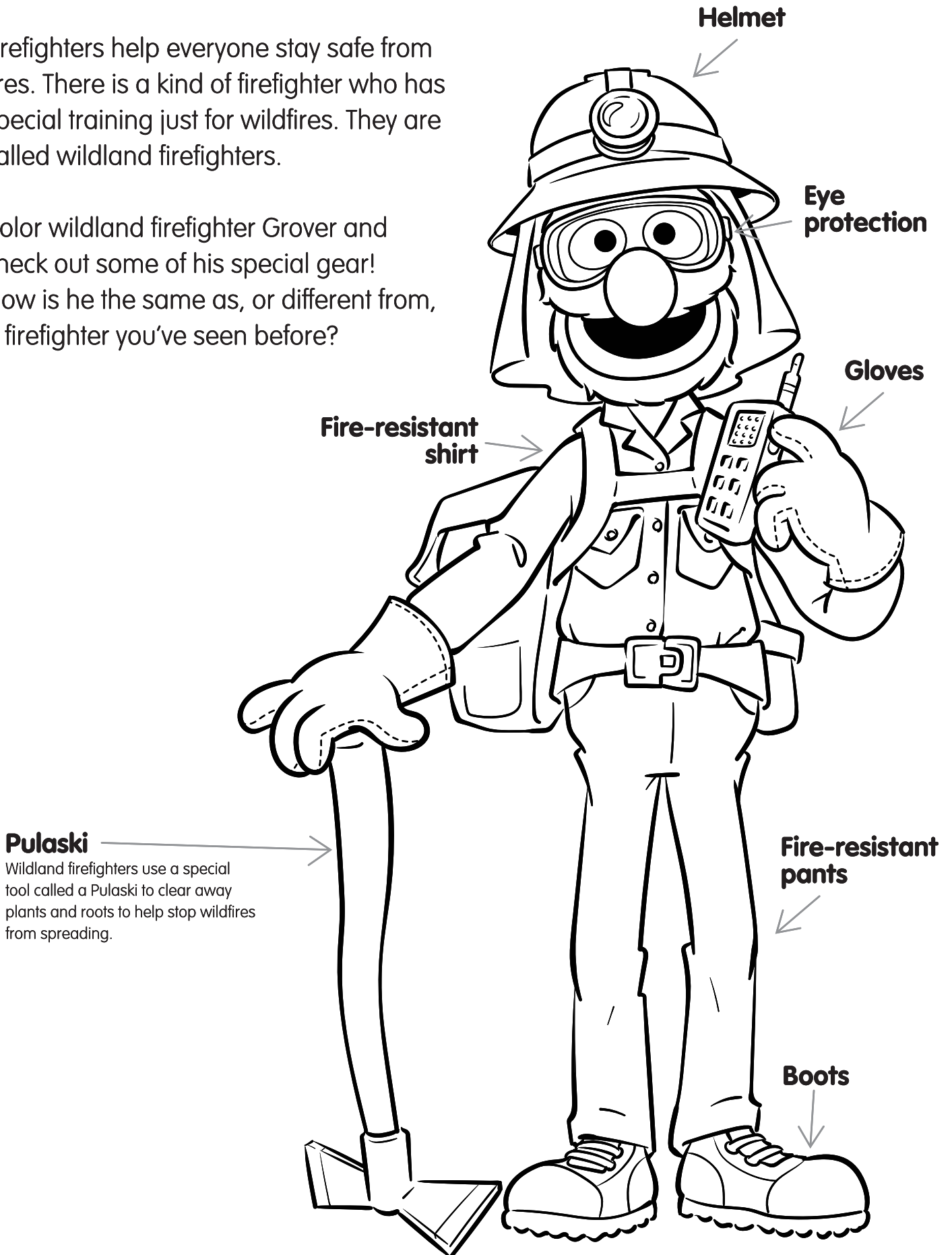


**FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT**  
[usfa.fema.gov/wui](https://usfa.fema.gov/wui)

## HERE TO HELP

Firefighters help everyone stay safe from fires. There is a kind of firefighter who has special training just for wildfires. They are called wildland firefighters.

Color wildland firefighter Grover and check out some of his special gear! How is he the same as, or different from, a firefighter you've seen before?

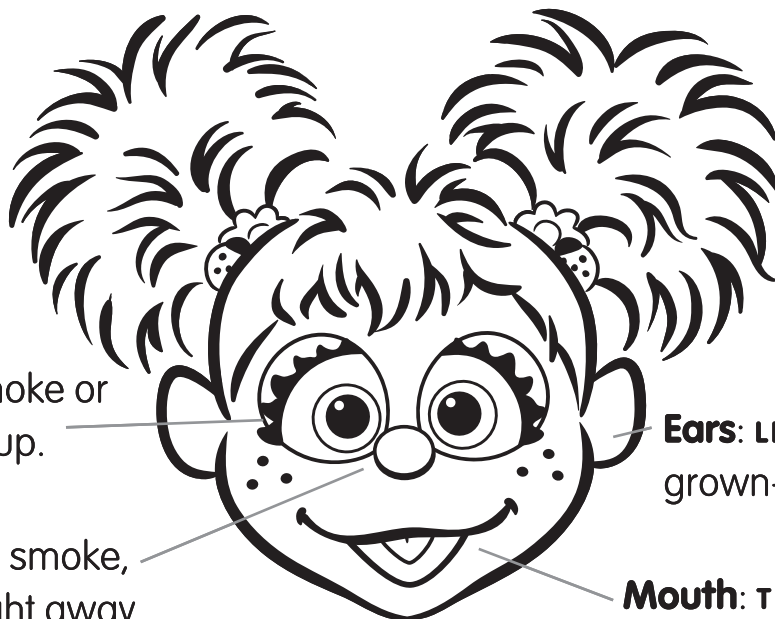


## LISTEN, SEE, SMELL, TELL

If there is a wildfire, or any emergency, you can stay safe by listening to grown-ups and special helpers (like firefighters!). Color Abby's ears, eyes, nose, and mouth and learn about how she uses each to stay safe. Then, draw your own face.

### **Grown-up Tip**

Grown-ups can use their listening superpowers to stay updated and be ready to act quickly if an emergency happens. Visit [ready.gov/alerts](https://www.ready.gov/alerts) to learn different ways to stay informed.

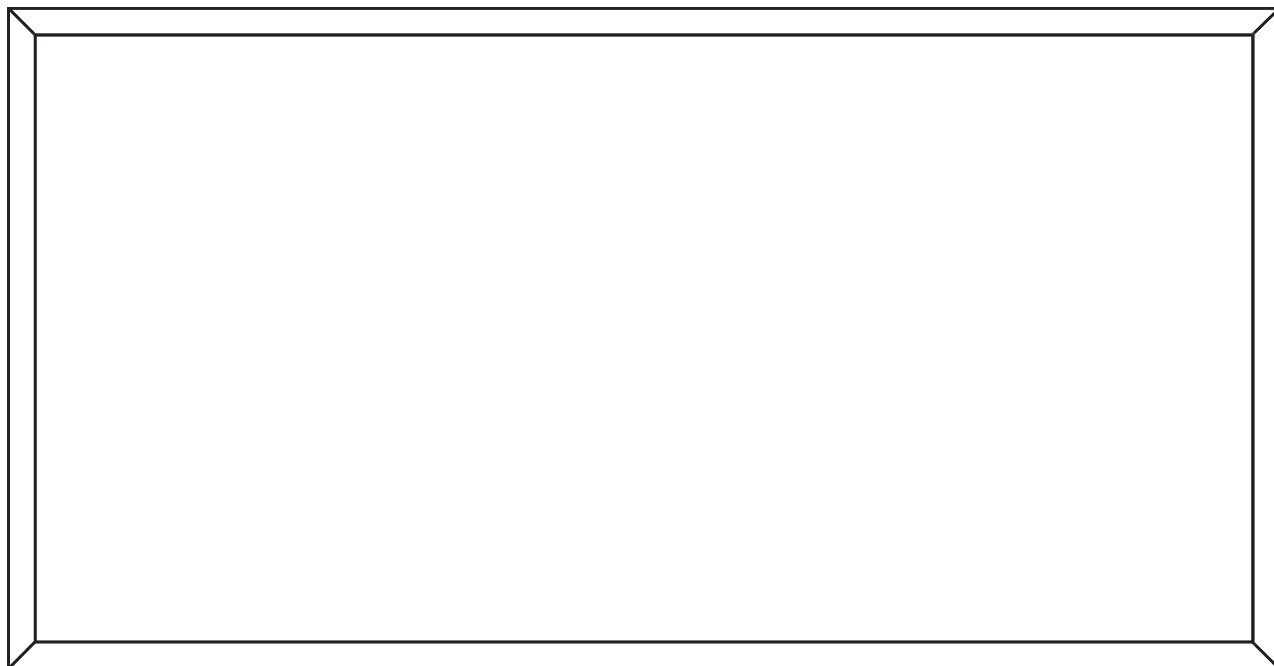


**Eyes:** If you **SEE** smoke or fire, find a grown-up.

**Ears:** **LISTEN** to the grown-ups around you.

**Nose:** If you **SMELL** smoke, tell a grown-up right away.

**Mouth:** **TELL** a grown-up if you see or smell smoke or fire.

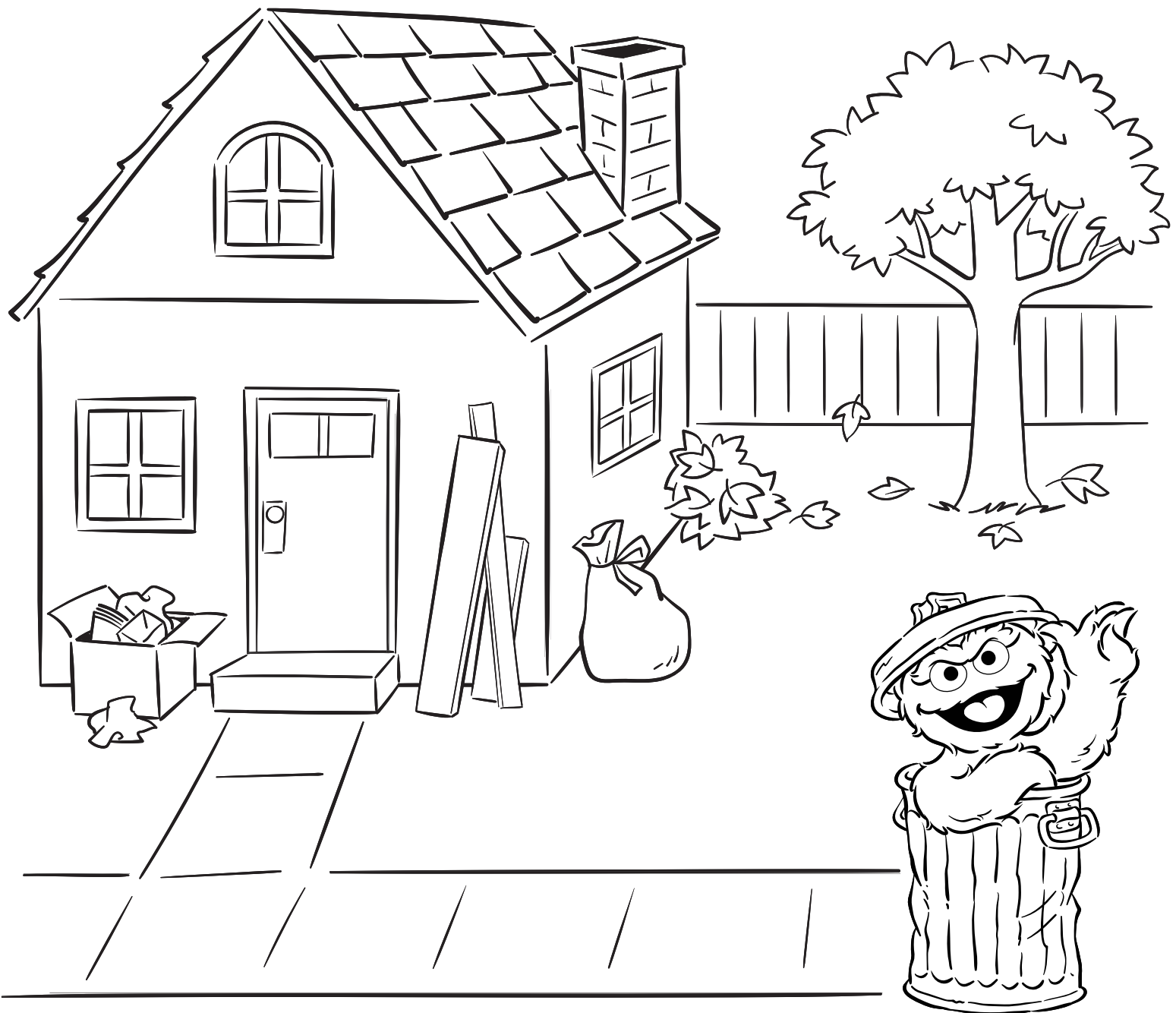


## IN THE CLEAR

When leaves or sticks pile up too close to the home, it's easier for fire to spread. Help Oscar clean up the yard by crossing out the things that are too close to the house.

### 💡 Grown-up Tip

Consider how to prevent the spread of wildfires where you live. Whether you are in a house or apartment building, you can clear flammable vegetation and debris from around your home and from your gutters (or alert building management). You can also make sure grills and campfires are never left unattended, and fully put out after use.





## OUR INSIDE ADVENTURE

Wildfires make clouds of smoke that can travel to different places. Even if a wildfire isn't close to your house, you might smell smoke in the air or see the sky change color. Breathing in too much smoke isn't good for us, so special helpers might ask us to stay indoors until it passes.

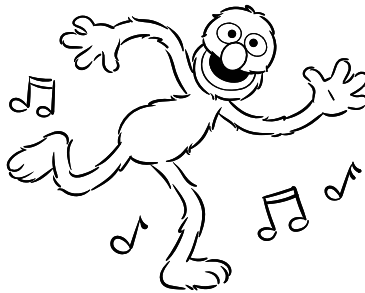
Color and cut out these cards for ideas for indoor days, then pick one and try it. On the blank card, draw your favorite indoor activity!

### Grown-up Tip

Visit [airnow.gov](https://airnow.gov) to check the air quality where you live. If you need to go outside on a high-risk day, consider moving at a slower pace and wearing a smoke-safe mask, like an N95 respirator. For more information visit [usfa.fema.gov/blog/minimizing-the-effects-of-wildfire-smoke](https://usfa.fema.gov/blog/minimizing-the-effects-of-wildfire-smoke)



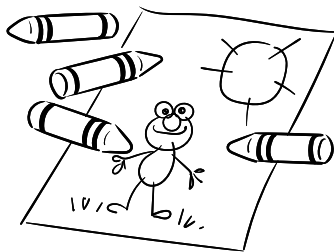
Hide & Seek



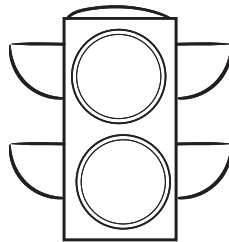
Freeze Dance



Simon Says



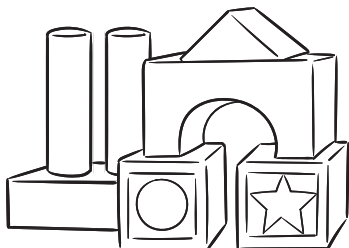
Draw a Picture



Red Light Green Light



Read a Book



Building with Blocks



I-spy



## TOGETHER WE CAN

Everyone can work together to prevent, prepare for, and protect from wildfire.  
Chant these words together!

Grown-ups and helpers  
show me how to stay safe.  
We work together  
to protect our favorite place!

