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# PREVENTION MONTH

Fires can be really scary! Not only can they destroy everything we own in life, but they put our lives and the lives of the people we love at risk. Imagine what it would be like to lose everything you own and even someone you love in a fire. The idea is heartbreaking, but the reality is that this happens every day.

## Did you know that...

1. After one minute, a house fire will grow to be three times its original size.
2. After four minutes, a house fire will grow to be eleven times its original size.
3. After six minutes, a house fire will grow to be fifty times its original size.

## LET'S DO THE MATH!

*Imagine there was a fire in the room that you are in right now.*

First start by measuring how many square feet that room is (you may need a tape measure). If a fire started off covering 3 square feet of that room, how many square feet will it cover after it burns for 4 minutes? How many square feet will that same fire cover after 6 minutes? If the fire department were to put the fire out at 6 minutes, how many square feet of that room would be left unburned?

## WRITE YOUR OWN BREAKING NEWS STORY!

Write a news story using the following headline: **Family escapes from house fire.** To successfully write your news story you will need to identify the WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN and WHY of the event. Visit The Oklahoman's archives at <http://nieonline.com/theoklahoman/archive.cfm>. Using your class login you can visit old articles about other house fires to get ideas on how to write your own news story.



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