

OPERETTA IN G MINOR
(Fire Prevention Month Skit)

This skit is meant to be corny. It can be performed without props of any kind, but you can make it as elaborate as you wish. You can also have as many participants as you wish as simply by putting them in the choir. This is a musical skit and I tried to keep the songs simple with tunes that everybody knows. I recommend a brief run-through prior to performance, but don't get it too refined as mistakes often add to fun.

~ Gary Bolderson, Cubscout Roundtable, 9/97

Johnny (Shirt untucked, trying to light a fire campfire with matches):

"Come on, baby, light. Better try another one."

Billy (approaching Johnny, likewise with shirt untucked)::

"What are you doing, Johnny?"

Johnny:

"I'm trying to get these matches to light, but they're not working, I think they're too wet. I just get little sparks now and then."

Billy:

"Here, let me try." (*Billy tries a couple without success*)

"Oh, man !! These matches aren't any good !! We're not going to be able to roast any marshmallows, if we can't get a fire started!"

Fire Marshal Dan (Approaching boys shaking his head)

"And it's a good thing too. Do you boys know what could happen if you started that fire?"

Billy and Johnny:

"No, what?"

Fire Marshall Dan (Looking at boys in disbelief):

Oh, duh ! Did you just fall off of the turnip truck?"

Choir Sings led my Fire Marshal Dan(Boys listen intently to the choir):

BE CAREFUL AROUND OPEN FIRE
(Sung to the tune of "By the Shade of the Old Apple Tree")

TAKE CARE WHEN AROUND OPEN FIRE
WHEN YOU WEAR LOOSE FITTING ATTIRE
THE HEAT MAY BE NICE
BUT YOU'D BETTER THINK TWICE

UNLESS BURNING IS WHAT YOU DESIRE.

KEEP ALL SHIRTS TUCKED IN NICE AND NEAT
WHILE PREPARING YOUR MARSHMALLOW TREAT
ONE LITTLE SPARK
CAN TEAR YOUR WORLD APART
GOOD FIRE SAFETY IS HARD TO BEAT.

Fire Marshal Dan:

“Yes, boys. It’s very important that your shirts be tucked in, otherwise your clothes could catch on fire and burn you badly.”

Johnny and Billy (Both tucking in shirts):

“Thank you Fire Marshal Dan !!”

Fire Marshall Dan (waving and walking away):

“Ha, ha, ha, your welcome boys. Remember to be careful, now”

Scene 2:

Fire Marshal Dan (approaches another group of youngsters and overhears their conversation):

Sammy:

“Well, if my house caught on fire, I would grab the garden hose and put it out myself.!”

Robby:

“Yeh, I would get the blanket off of my bed and smother it, I hear that’s a good way to put out fires !!”

Fire Marshal Dan:

“Gosh, boys, you sure sound brave, but do you know that that’s also very dumb?”

Sammy and Robby:

“Really?”

Fire Marshal Dan:

“Yes, indeed! The best thing you can do is get out of the house and call the fire department!”

Choir:

DIAL 9-1-1
(Sung to the tune of Blue Danube)

DIAL 9-1-1
AND RUN, AND RUN
IT’S NOT MUCH FUN
TO BE A TOASTED BUN

ONE LITTLE CALL
CAN SAVE YOU ALL
GET ON THE FLOOR
AND START TO CRAWL

WHEN YOU SEE SMOKE
FIND YOUR WAY OUT
OR YOU MAY CHOKE
OR BE FRIED LIKE TROUT

DON'T PLAY WITH FIRE
OR YOU'LL RETIRE
FROM THIS WORLD
WITHOUT A DOUBT
(DOUBT, DOUBT, DOUBT)

Fire Marshal Dan:

“So you see boys, the best thing you can do is run away and get professional help.”

Robby:

“Gee, thanks, Fire Marshall Dan”

Fire Marshall Dan:

“That’s good Robby, always remember to be careful with fire.”

Sammy:

“I still think I can put out the fire with the garden hose, it’s not so hard.”

Fire Marshall Dan:

“Oh, still not convinced, eh? Well maybe this will do the trick.”

Choir:

DROP AND ROLL
(Sung to the tune of “Over There”)

DROP AND ROLL
DROP AND ROLL
WHEN YOUR CLOTHES ARE ON FIRE
DROP AND ROLL

WHEN THE SMOKE STARTS BLOWING
JUST START STROLLING
THE CLOSEST EXIT YOU SHOULD GO.

SO TAKE CARE
AND BEWARE
WHEN FIRES ROAR
LIKE EAGLES, SOAR
OUT THE DOOR

BE DISCERNING
DON'T START BURNING
NEW HOUSES CAN BE BUILT
BUT YOU CAN BE NO MORE.

Sammy:

“O.K., Fire Marshall Dan, I see your point now. I’ll be very careful from now on and call the fire department if a fire starts.”

Fire Marshal Dan:

“Good boy, Sammy.”

Fire Marshall Dan (Speaking to all the audience and all the players come to his side):

“Remember, everybody, always be careful with fire. And if you should have a fire, always remember that your best friend is your fireman.”

All cast and Choir:

THANKS TO THE FIREMAN
(Sung to the tune of “Oh, Come all Ye Faithful”)

HERE COME THE FIRE TRUCKS
SPEEDING TO THE RESCUE
THE FIREMEN ARE DRESSED IN RAINCOATS AND RUBBER BOOTS
THEY HAVE BIG HOSES
AND RISK THEIR LIVES TO HELP US.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THEM
OH, WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THEM
OH, WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THEM
FOR ALL THEY DO.

Fire Marshall Dan and Cast:

“GOODNIGHT EVERYBODY !!”

