Welcome to PLAYING IT SAFE!
The game show that keeps you safe from disasters!
Play along with host Disaster-proof Dan and contestants, Bill, Molly & Toby as we challenge your safety smarts!

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Hey Kids! Thanks for tuning in to PLAYING IT SAFE!

It’s time to grab a pencil and get ready to play along with Toby, Molly & Bill!

When we’ve tuned up our safety smarts, we’ll all be winners!

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Disaster-proof Dan has asked our 3 contestants to tell us what they know about THUNDERSTORMS...

Severe thunderstorms can bring heavy rains, strong winds, hail and tornadoses.

A thunderstorm is a storm with lightning caused by severe changes in air pressure.

If you see dark clouds and distant lightning, then a thunderstorm is on its way! Because light travels faster than sound, you will SEE lightning before you HEAR thunder. If you hear thunder, then lightning is close by!

Thaaat’s right, Contestants! Okayyy...now you kids at home can help out our friend Bill as he tries to solve the next puzzle...
What to do during a thunderstorm:

1. Go inside a sturdy LIBIGNUD or car.
2. If you are not near a building, find a low open space like a ditch and crouch down low with your head between your SEKEN.
3. Stay clear of tall objects like ESTER, towers, fences, telephone lines and power lines. They attract THINGGLIN.
4. Lightning can also strike TALEM objects like basketball hoops, baseball bats, fishing poles and SLAMERLUB so stay away during a storm.
5. If you are boating or swimming, get to land ETEYMAMIDIL.
6. Don’t use LICREECLAT appliances like televisions or phones; they can be dangerous during a thunderstorm.
7. Listen for weather information on a TRETYAB-powered radio.

Unscramble the words in capital letters. Write the answers in the numbered blanks below!

1. 
2. 
3. ,
4. ,
5. 
6. 
7. 

Unscramble: AGM
Molly must make it from START to FINISH in a FLASH! She needs your help! Ready... set... GO!
Okay, Kids! Let’s move on to the most common and widespread of all natural hazards...FLOODS. And talk about soaking up info...if our contestants hit the mark on these flood facts, I’ll be ALL WET!

WATCH OUT. FLOODS BRING OUT SNAKES.

EVEN 6 INCHES OF MOVING WATER CAN KNOCK YOU DOWN.

TWO FEET OF WATER CAN FLOAT A BUS.

PUT ON THE BRAKES. DON’T DRIVE IN A FLOOD.

STEP UP. WHEN A FLOOD HITS, MOVE TO HIGHER GROUND.

STAY SAFE. NEVER PLAY AROUND OR IN STORM DRAINS.

How many of these important flood facts can you remember? Test yourself! Turn this page over and see if you can recall all 6 facts...without peeking!
You know it's the best way to protect yourself during a flood, but do you know how many words can be created from the letters in the following phrase?

Write your words below. There are 48 blanks...can you fill them all?

MOVE TO HIGHER GROUND

dog

groomer

home run

ten

Knowing the facts will help keep you safe if a flood hits!

Start at the bottom and make your way through the maze until you’ve reached higher ground!
WOW! Your amazing knowledge about floods has left me hanging out to dry! Now...let’s see what our terrific trio can tell us about WINTER STORMS! Kids...?

Winter storms can be very dangerous. They can last several days and include heavy snow, freezing rain, sleet, high winds, and extreme cold. But there are ways to protect yourself from these dangers.

My mom and I got stuck in her car during a blizzard once. It was for about an hour, but luckily she had a winter survival kit. She put out road flares and we stayed under a blanket and ate candy bars while we waited inside the car for help to come.

Once they canceled school because of a winter storm!

OKAYYYYY... Well, I’m sure your teachers were happy about that too!
OOOPS! Looks like our contestants are a bit tied up at the moment! They’ll be released if you use the key below to decode the following important message...

TO PLAY OUTSIDE SAFELY AFTER A WINTER STORM...
Will Toby be named our “WINTER STORM WHIZ”?  

Only if he can decode the mystery word below! Can you help him?

Be smart about winter storms, and you won’t have to worry about this...
What’s the opposite of a winter storm? EXTREME HEAT! When the mercury starts rising, don’t sweat it! Our contestants can show you how to keep your cool!

SLOW DOWN AND AVOID PHYSICAL ACTIVITY.
STAY INSIDE AIR CONDITIONED BUILDINGS.

WEAR LIGHT-COLORED, LOOSE-FITTING CLOTHES.
DON’T GET TOO MUCH SUN.

DRINK LOTS OF WATER, EVEN IF YOU DON’T FEEL THIRSTY.
EAT LIGHT, BUT EAT OFTEN.
QUESTION:
WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO KEEP A COOL HEAD IN EXTREME HEAT?

To answer, unscramble the words relating to extreme heat. Then, take the letters in boxes and unscramble those to get your answer!

EHTA = ____□□
REWTA = □□____
MRMUES = ______□□
ZRAADH = □□_____

ANSWER:
Connect the dots from 1 to 144 and you'll see how Disaster-proof Dan handles the EXTREME HEAT!

What 3 important extreme heat helpers do you see?

__________________
__________________
__________________
You need smoke alarms on every floor of your home. And be sure to change the batteries every year.

In case of a house fire, have a meeting place outside to make sure everyone gets out safely.

Everyone should know two ways to get out of every room in their home. We have family fire drills to practice the escape route out of our apartment building.

Talk about cool and calm under extreme heat! But what happens when we turn it up a notch with this burning question... Okay contestants, what are the key elements of a home FIRE safety plan?
In case her clothes catch fire, what must Molly remember?

ANSWER: S + L, B, C
Holy Smokes!  
It’s a 5-Alarm Crossword!

Sharpen your pencil  
and help Bill blaze  
his way through by  
choosing the right  
fire-wise words!

CROSSFIRE CLUES:
1. What a practice escape plan is called.
2. Transportation for fire fighters. (2 words)
3. People used these to escape from 2nd story windows.
4. It’s useful for putting out small fires.
5. Where there’s ______ there’s fire.
6. Never play with these.
7. A smart way to leave a smoke-filled room.  
   Hint: babies do it.
8. For safety, you should know how many ways out of every room?
9. In case of fire in a public building, follow these red signs.
10. These should be replaced yearly in smoke alarms.
TORNADOES ARE ROTATING, FUNNEL-SHAPED CLOUDS. THEY CAN HIT THE GROUND AT UP TO 300 MILES PER HOUR.

"TORNADO WATCH" MEANS THE CONDITIONS ARE RIGHT FOR A TORNADO TO DEVELOP.

"TORNADO WARNING" MEANS A TORNADO HAS BEEN SPOTTED.

ALLLLLLRIGHTY! Now that we have learned all about fire and escape plans, it’s time to put the right spin on one of nature’s most dangerous storms. Our wheel of knowledge is whirling with TORNADO safety facts.

LISTEN FOR WEATHER INFORMATION ON A BATTERY-POWERED RADIO.

STAY AWAY FROM WINDOWS.

IF THERE IS NO SHELTER, LIE FLAT IN A DITCH AND PROTECT YOUR HEAD WITH YOUR ARMS.

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM FALLING AND FLYING OBJECTS.

GO TO A BASEMENT OR THE MIDDLE SECTION OF A BUILDING’S LOWEST LEVEL.

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"TORNADO WARNING" MEANS A TORNADO HAS BEEN SPOTTED.

IF YOU SEE OR HEAR A TORNADO COMING, SEEK SHELTER RIGHT AWAY.

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Disaster-Proof Dan says, “Be prepared for a tornado by keeping a DISASTER SUPPLY KIT in your basement or other safe area.”

Hidden below are 11 items that Dan would be wise to include in his supply kit. Can you find them all?

- Batteries
- Bedding
- Cash
- Clothing
- First Aid Kit
- Flashlight
- Food
- Identification
- Tools
- Water
- Weather Radio

Word Search:

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FIRST AID KIT A W X
L L U M O N B V P M F L Z O
WEATHER RADIO T K
J K N S Q U C D V C Y R O A
T W Y B H E A I M L D S K D
B Z A I C L O T H I N G J S
E H Z T X H I E N F W G L B
D S F G E H X G O I H O I J
D V H W G R F P H E O D U Q
I G A S S E I R E T T A B T
N O I T A C I F I T N E D I
G R F P E C Y D B Q C R S C
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Now that we've all learned about tornadoes, let's help Bill funnel his way through this maze!
PAGE 5
1. building
2. knees
3. trees, lightning
4. metal, umbrellas
5. immediately
6. electrical
7. battery

PAGE 8
Here are 48 possible answers...but there are many, many more!
dog, groomer, home run, ten, nut, ton, net, groom, get, gun, vent, venom, grunt, runt, grieve, even, vote, go, term, doom, mood, dome, done, the, then, them, there, thought, through, drive, drove, grind, rind, remind, hind, hinder, hem, drug, rug, rough, tough, tune, vine, dent, green, greed, dirt, route.

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To play outside safely after a storm...
DRESS IN LAYERS AND COME INSIDE OFTEN.

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Be smart about winter storms, and you won’t have to worry about this...FROSTBITE.

PAGE 14
Scrambled words:
HEAT, WATER, SUMMER and HAZARD.
What’s the best way to keep a cool head in extreme heat? WEAR A HAT.

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What 3 important extreme heat helpers do you see? SUNSCREEN, HAT and WATER.

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In case her clothes catch fire, what must Molly remember? STOP, DROP, AND ROLL.

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1. firedrill
2. red truck
3. ladders
4. extinguisher
5. smoke
6. matches
7. crawl
8. two
9. exit
10. batteries

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F I R S T A I D K I T A W X
L L U M O N B V P M F L Z O
W E A T H E R R A D I O T K
J K N S Q U C D V C Y R O A
T W Y B H E A I M L D S K D
B Z A I C L O T H I N G J S
E H Z T X H I E N F W G L B
D S F G E H X G O I H O I J
D V H W G R F P H E O D U Q
I G A S S E I R E T T A B T
N O I T A C I F I T N E D I
G R F P E C Y D B Q C R S C
Hey Kids, to learn more about PLAYING IT SAFE and protecting yourself from disasters, check out these web sites:

www.safe-a-rooni.org
www.redcross.org/services/youth/kids
www.usfa.gov/kids
www.nfpa.org/riskwatch
www.dem.state.mn.us
www.fema.gov/kids