

FIRE SAFETY SURVEY		Student/Class Goal As part of the unit on writing a safety brochure, students wondered if their friends and neighbors were following fire safety rules in their homes and apartments.
Outcome <i>(lesson objective)</i> Students will develop a survey, construct graphs, compute fractions and percents and use the information for a safety brochure.		Time Frame Two 30-45 minute sessions
Standard <i>Use Math to Solve Problems and Communicate</i>		NRS EFL 2-6
COPS Understand, interpret, and work with pictures, numbers, and symbolic information.	Activity Addresses Components of Performance Using the data from the surveys to make numerical computations.	
Apply knowledge of mathematical concepts and procedures to figure out how to answer a question, solve a problem, make a prediction, or carry out a task that has a mathematical dimension.	Using the data from the surveys to find the percentages of people who are practicing fire safety.	
Define and select data to be used in solving the problem.	Using the data from the surveys to determine overall percentages and percentages for each category of fire safety	
Determine the degree of precision required by the situation.	The information will be used to give a general idea of what percentage of people are practicing fire safety	
Solve problem using appropriate quantitative procedures and verify that the results are reasonable.	Finding percentages	
Communicate results using a variety of mathematical representations, including graphs, chart, tables, and algebraic models.	Using the data from the surveys to construct graphs	
Materials Home Safety Council Safety Guide Graph paper		
Learner Prior Knowledge Since many classes are multilevel, some students will have worked with fractions while others may have worked with percents. Students will have read information on fire safety and will use what they learned to construct the survey. Students may or may not have worked with graphs.		
Instructional Activities Step 1 - Students will work as a class to develop questions for a fire safety survey using information they learned by reading fire safety materials. Once the survey is finalized and copies made, students will distribute the survey to friends and neighbors. Step 2 - When the completed surveys have been collected by the students and returned to class, the whole class can begin tabulating the results. The teacher can use the board, an overhead, or a flip chart to show the math processes – total number of answers for each question, etc. If the students have not constructed a graph before, the teacher can model for the students how a graph is constructed. If the students have worked with graphs before, pairs or small groups can construct a graph based on the information from the surveys. The graph might illustrate how many people are practicing fire safety in each category – smoke alarms, escape plan, meeting place, etc Step 3 – Students can work in pairs or small groups to use the survey totals to determine the fraction and percent of: number of completed surveys to number distributed; number of respondents for each question who are practicing fire safety compared to those who are not; total number of respondents who are practicing fire safety compared to those who are not. TEACHER NOTE Students can perform the computations (fractions or percents) that they are familiar with. More advanced students might be encouraged to help other students. Step 4 - Students can use the information from the survey to prioritize the fire safety information in the safety brochure they are developing. They can also include the survey results in the brochure using numbers, graphs, or both.		

Assessment/Evidence *(based on outcome)*

Student-made Fire Safety Surveys and Results
Graphs and charts of the Survey Results

Teacher Reflection/Lesson Evaluation

Not yet completed.

Next Steps**Technology Integration**

Home Safety Council: Family <http://www.homesafetycouncil.org/family/family.aspx>

Home Safety Council Safety Guide http://www.homesafetycouncil.org/safety_guide/safetyguide.aspx

Purposeful/Transparent

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Contextual

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Building Expertise

Some students will have had experience analyzing data, creating charts and graphs and computing percentages. The teacher will scaffold this activity by modeling and having students work in pairs or groups