

How to Train Your Dragon

The Musical Jr. by Dreamworks Animation

Presented by the Thalian Association

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Fridays & Saturdays at 7:30 pm | Sundays at 3:00 pm

2nd Street Stage

Hannah Block Historic USO/Community Arts Center
120 South 2nd Street



Based on the DreamWorks Animation hit, *How to Train Your Dragon JR.* brings fire-breathing action, epic adventure and big laughs to the stage. Hiccup is a young Viking who defies tradition and befriends one of his deadliest foes – a ferocious dragon he calls Toothless. Together, the unlikely heroes fight against the odds to save both their worlds in this wonderful theatrical adaptation. *How to Train Your Dragon JR.* was created through the DreamWorks Theatricals Emerging Writers Program, a collaboration between DreamWorks Theatricals, Music Theatre International, and NBC Universal.

About the Thalian Association

Thalian Association Community Theatre is a non-profit, membership organization that's dedicated to enhancing the rich artistic environment of the Cape Fear region. Tracing its roots back to 1788, the Thalian Association Community Theatre was founded to provide arts education and bring the excitement of the performing arts to Wilmington, North Carolina. Today the Thalian Association Community Theatre produces five major productions annually on the Main Stage at historic Thalian Hall, offers a Youth Theatre program and professionally manages the Hannah Block Historic USO/Community Arts Center for the City of Wilmington. In 2007, the North Carolina legislature named the Thalian Association Community Theatre the Official Community Theater of North Carolina.



How to Train Your Dragon Fire Safety Lesson



When you are working with dragons it is so important to learn about fire safety! Dragons can easily cause fires during training. In addition, fires can be caused in other ways in your school or home, and it is important to know what to do in case of an emergency.

Complete the activity below to learn more about practicing fire safety so you can avoid fires as you become a more experienced dragon trainer.

Fire Safety Tips from the Red Cross

- To avoid accidental burns, stay at least 3 feet away from hot items like dragon breath, stoves, grills, and campfires.
- Don't cause fires by taunting dragons or playing with matches, lighters, or other flammable materials.
- Avoid accidents with candles by switching to flameless candles that are powered by batteries or electricity.
- Have a plan with your family and your class that addresses what should happen if the fire alarm goes off. Practice exiting the building quickly in an orderly fashion and be careful to not knock into or trip anyone on the way out. Make sure someone calls 911 if you have a fire or any other emergency.



- Make sure your home has smoke detectors on every floor. Replace the batteries in the smoke detectors often.
- If the room is filled with smoke from a fire caused by an angry dragon, a knocked-over candle, or another emergency, get on your hands and knees and try to exit the room quickly and safely. Staying low to the ground will help you breathe because the smoke will float towards the ceiling.



- Find where the fire extinguishers are, especially in places you visit often like your home, your school, and dragon training grounds. Keep the fire

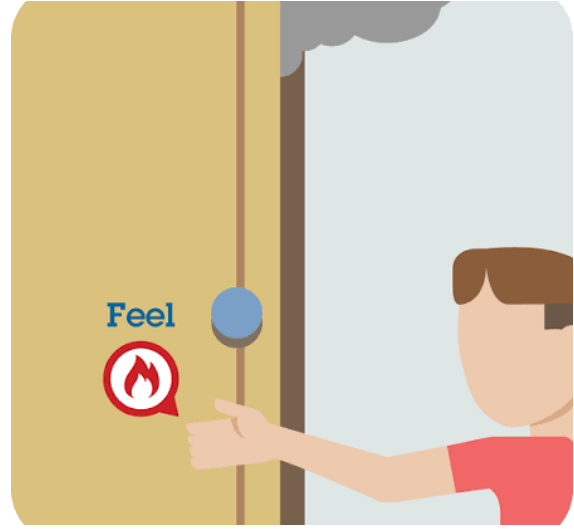


extinguishers in fire-prone areas, like the dragon-training arena, the kitchen, near the fireplace, and in the garage. Learn how to use a fire extinguisher to put out a fire by pulling the pin, squeezing the handle, and aiming it at the base of the fire in a sweeping motion by moving it from side to side.

- If someone's clothes catch on fire during dragon training, practice Stop, Drop, and Roll. First, stop what you are doing. Next, drop to the ground. Then roll on the floor to smother the fire quickly. Don't run, because that will only cause the fire to burn more quickly.



- If a door handle is hot to the touch during a fire, don't open it! A hot door or handle means there is likely a fire on the other side of the door. Opening the door will give the fire more oxygen and cause it to burn hotter.
- If you get accidentally burned during dragon training, cool the skin with running water for about five minutes at a time. If you experience serious injuries from a fire, seek medical attention promptly.



Fire Safety Questions

Use what you learned from reading the fire safety tips above to answer the following questions.

FIRE SAFETY



1. What should you do if you are evacuating during a fire and touch a hot door handle on a closed door?

2. What should you do if your clothes catch on fire during dragon training?



3. Why is it important to develop safety plans at home and school in case of an emergency, like a dragon accidentally starting a fire during training?

4. Where should you place smoke detectors?

5. How can you avoid accidents with candles?

6. What should you do if a room is filling with smoke and you can't escape right away?





7. What should you do if your skin gets burned during dragon training?

8. How can you avoid accidental fires from candles?

9. How should you use fire extinguishers effectively?

10. What does Stop, Drop and Roll mean?



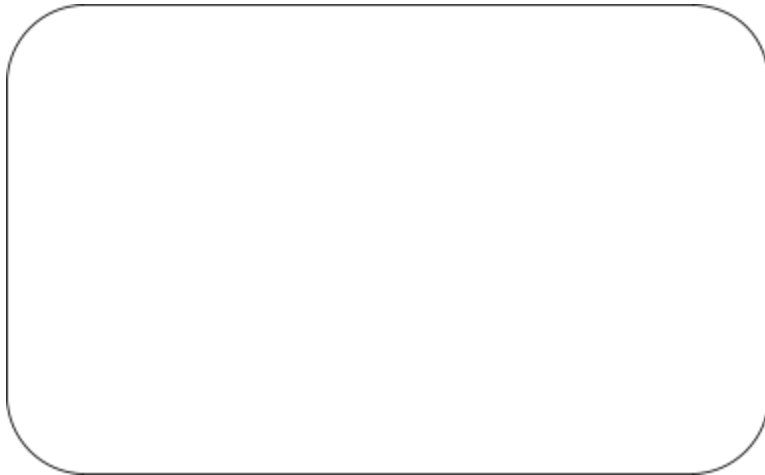
Dragon Types in *How to Train Your Dragon*

Use this activity to further your dragon training journey by learning about some of the different types of dragons from the hit series! Read the information below to become an expert on dragon types. Then, follow the directions to learn how to fill in the empty boxes beside each dragon type!

Night Fury: The Night Fury is an incredibly rare dragon. It has dark black coloring with slightly lighter spots that help it camouflage into the night sky. It sports cat-like eyes, ears, tail fins, and side fins. It has large wings compared to its body size. Its abilities include retractable teeth, a purple plasma bomb that it shoots from its mouth, an electric invisibility cloak, and it has a talent for finding things through soundwaves, which is called echolocation. The Night Fury is also adept at dive bombing, barrel rolling, and other advanced flying moves.

Deadly Nadder: The Deadly Nadder is a colorful dragon, typically purple or blue with lighter colored spots. It has a crown of spikes on its head, a horn on its nose, and a spiked, prehensile tail, meaning it can grasp things with its tail like an opossum! The Deadly Nadder is

instantly recognizable to experienced dragon trainers because of its prominent overbite and characteristic beak-like mouth.



Razorwhip

The Razorwhip is an aggressive and particularly dangerous dragon. Its long, sharp tail and its ability to wrap its prey with its tail make the Razorwhip one of the deadliest dragons to train. Their features include a whip-like tail, a horn on their snout, armored scales, poison

tears, and the ability to shoot barbs out of their tails. They are typically metallic-colored gold or silver with highly reflective scales and shoot a bright blue burst of fire from their mouths.

Seashocker

The Seashocker is an aquatic dragon, meaning it is adept at flying through the water as well as the air. The Seashocker has two heads on one body, with two wing-like fins and sharp dorsal blades running along its back. This type of dragon blends in with its environment, sporting a blue and black coloring for ocean camouflage. It also has the characteristics of many sea creatures, including echolocation, bioluminescence, and the ability to use its sharp dorsal blades to cut through ice on the surface of the sea.



Dragon Design Challenge

Now that you have learned about some of the different types of dragons, your next challenge is to draw your interpretation of what each dragon looks like. Identifying dragons correctly is an important step in your journey to become a dragon trainer!

Draw a small picture of each dragon in the box next to each dragon type listed above. Base your drawings on the particular characteristics of each dragon that is written in the descriptions.

Dragon Coloring Sheet

Color in the image below of *How to Train Your Dragon*'s young hero Hiccup riding his dragon Toothless the Night Fury! Use what you learned about Night Fury dragons in the Dragon Design Challenge to color a realistic picture, or use your own vivid imagination to create a unique scene by choosing whatever colors you like!

