

Costume Checklist

It is our pleasure to bring you one of the finest costumes available to help educate your community about fire & life safety and burn prevention.

Because Firepup® does not speak, we've paid a great deal of attention to detail to make his personality shine!

When you unpack Firepup®, please inspect all pieces of the costume including:

- ☐ 1 - Large Firepup® Head with Helmet Attached
(Includes one 9 volt battery.)
- ☐ 1 - Shirt with 2 Attached Buckled Suspenders
- ☐ 1 - Black Drawstring Pants with Detachable Tail
- ☐ 1 - Yellow Vinyl Fire Coat with 4 Buckles
- ☐ 2 - White Fur Gloves
- ☐ 2 - Over-Sized Adjustable Boots
- ☐ 1 - Care Kit (Includes Hanger, Brush, Zippered plastic garment bag, and Assembly, Care, & Use Guide)

Since 1986, Firepup® has been the nationally recognized mascot of National Fire Safety Council, Inc. (NFSC).

NFSC, Inc. is a federal tax-exempt 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.

Keep the shipping box for storing the costume!

National Fire Safety Council, Inc.

Firepup® costume

Assembly, Care, & Use Guide



Assembly, Maintenance, & Storage

Firepup® is a trusted role-model for children nationwide. Please take proper steps to ensure that your costume will remain in good condition for years to come.

1. Helmet/Head/Fan

- Avoid pushing the screen nose. Store upright in shipping box.
- Insert batteries for fan unit. Adjust the inside head gear for user's size comfort & to avoid strain on users' neck & head.
- Keep long hair out of sight & tied back to avoid fan.
- Adjust black collar to hang down to show at shoulders.
- Follow care tag inside head unit.

2. Shirt

- Attach/detach yellow buckles by the Velcro openings at shoulders. *Fig. 1 & 2.*
- Red front and back suspenders should match up when attached.
- Use the black elastic thumb loop to keep sleeves tucked into gloves.
- Wash before use. Follow care tag on garment.



3. Pants/Tail

- Insert fur tail through hole in rear of pant. Tail tip should point up. Line up Velcro tabs to secure. *Fig. 3.*
- Adjust drawstring in waist.
- Place elastic stirrups at bottom of feet.
- Store pants straight, avoid folding.
- Wash before use. Follow care tag on garment.



Pro Tip:

Wave, clap, & point with both arms to bring Firepup® to life.



6-Month Limited Warranty

NFSC, Inc. offers a 6-month limited warranty that covers all parts and labor on the Firepup® costume and accessories. If during this time you discover a problem, please contact our costume department for assistance.

Non-adherence to the care instructions may void the warranty.

National Fire Safety Council, Inc. is not liable for any incidental or consequential damages/injuries in connection with or arising from the use of the costume or accessories. The buyer is responsible for training individuals to use/wear the Firepup® costume and/or spotter, as it is impossible to cover every scenario.

4. Coat

- Attach the 4 red buckles on the coat's Velcro tabs. *Fig.4*
- Point buckle tips inward.
- Adjust front collar Velcro tabs at chest, while wearing coat.
- Sleeve length can be adjusted by folding black cuffs up to make shorter.
- Tail should stick out through rear pleat.
- In extreme hot weather or when otherwise needed, Firepup® can remove the yellow coat. (*Tuck white shirt sleeve inside the glove paw cuff.*)
- Follow care tag inside garment.

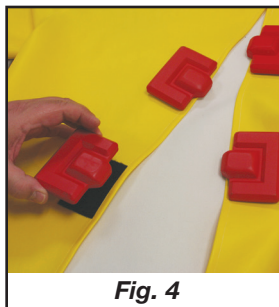


Fig. 4

5. Glove Paws

- Store the white glove paws dry, in plastic shipping bag.
- Use elastic loops sewed inside finger and wrist to help keep paws secure while hands are in motion. *Fig.5*
- Follow care tag inside glove.
- Wash the gloves on a cool delicate cycle using a mild detergent and fabric softener.
 - You can dry gloves in a dryer on low temperatures.
 - Brush gloves while still damp using a vented brush.
- DO NOT DRY CLEAN! It will cause the fur to mat.

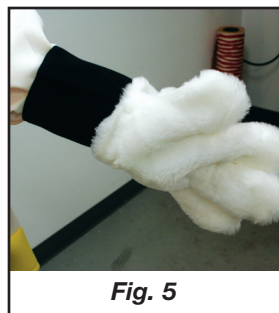


Fig. 5

6. Storage

- Store all costume parts in a well-ventilated, cool, dry area. Never store any parts wet.
- Avoid keeping costume in vehicle trunks or back seats for long periods of time. (*Damage that could occur not covered in warranty.*)

Service

We will do our best to solve problems or answer costume questions, hopefully over the phone. If parts are needed, we will do our best to ensure delivery in time for the next costume appearance. (*Express shipping will be at an additional cost.*)

To order replacement parts, consult checklist for the correct name, then call our service department:

1-800-255-1082 EX: 7065.

Boot Assembly

STEP 1.



- **UNFASTEN ALL STRAPS** and place socked foot through the boot.
- Put on street shoe from bottom of boot.

STEP 2.



- Fasten straps over street shoes.
- Boots should fit snug over shoes.

STEP 3.



- Fasten yellow strap inside boot on top of street shoe.

STEP 4.



- Tuck pants neatly inside boots & adjust cuffs.
- Walk "marching style" to walk safely and give Firepup® his peppy walk.

IMPORTANT!
ALWAYS HAVE A SPOTTER!

Wearing the Costume

Important Safety Precautions!

Only those who have read this manual and feel comfortable with the guidelines should wear the costume.



The Firepup® costume must only be worn to programs or events that further public information, education, and awareness in fire & life safety and burn prevention. Any other use is strictly prohibited.

You have a great opportunity to make an important impact on children and families in your community.

For your own safety, please consult with your physician if you have any questions about your ability to wear the costume. **DO NOT wear the Firepup® costume if you have any of the following medical conditions or restrictions:**

- heart condition
- neck or back problems
- history of seizures
- sensitivity to heat
- breathing problems
- any other problem that could endanger your health

It can get HOT in the costume!

Cooling Tips

- Limit wearing time, especially during hot weather.
- If wearer feels dizzy, get them out of costume.
- Drink plenty of water.

Costume Guidelines

1. ONLY be seen in full costume. (Coat can be removed when needed.)

- The Firepup® costume should be put on and taken off in private, NEVER in public. (It can be traumatic for young children to see Firepup® not fully assembled, especially with no head.)

- Keep the costume out of view before and after use.

2. Always have a spotter to help. Walk carefully especially on stairs/steps.

3. Always use appropriate conduct.

- The costumed character should **NEVER** engage in any activity that is illegal or inappropriate for the image of Firepup.®

- Firepup® should **ALWAYS** be professional, friendly, and courteous; and **NEVER** purposely frighten or startle children.

4. Firepup® MUST NEVER SPEAK. (The spotter speaks for Firepup.®)

5. Never wear the costume in the rain.

6. Never eat, drink, or smoke while wearing the costume.

7. Never operate any machinery while wearing the costume.

8. Always treat the costume with care.

9. Avoid Bodies of Water. There is a potential safety risk if the mascot is pushed or falls into ponds, fountains, pools, oceans, or other waterways. The costume will quickly absorb water becoming very heavy.



The Spotter: A spotter is an adult required to assist Firepup® at all times. Someone capable of observing and handling any possible dangerous situation while Firepup® is making an appearance.

1. helps Firepup® dress.

2. alerts Firepup® to any situation that the costume wearer may not be able to see.

3. speaks for Firepup®, and therefore should be comfortable working with groups of children and should be knowledgeable in fire safety.

4. holds Firepup®'s hand or keeps a hand on the character when walking up and down stairs and when appearing in large crowds.

5. watches for:

- changes in the floor/ground.
- inclines, debris, stairs or other obstacles.
- persons approaching for a handshake or hug.
- someone asking Firepup® a question.
- any adjustments that need to be made to the costume (i.e. turned head, jacket centered, etc.).

Never use children as spotters

