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Be Safe Tool FAQ

1. What is the BeSafe Tool?

The BeSafe Tool is free tool that measures safety behaviors and is an effective way for providing fire and burn safety training that will yield behavior change.

2. Who developed the BeSafe Tool?

This grant project, funded by a FY2016 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant, and spearheaded by the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation, was undertaken to create a tool that can be used by the fire service and fire safety organizations. A collaboration with behavioral scientists from the California State University, Northridge Psychology Department and a group of subject matter experts (SMEs) from a diversity of fire safety backgrounds worked together on creating this tool.

3. Who can use the BeSafe Tool?

The BeSafe Tool is a tool that could be easily used by the fire service and fire safety advocates to evaluate their existing programs' effectiveness in creating behavioral change, or that could also be applied to any new programs they may create.

4. What is Behavioral Science?

Behavioral Science is the scientific study of human and animal behavior.

5. How does Behavioral Science relate to fire and burn prevention education?

From a behavioral perspective, training results in two different types of behavior change:

1. Knowledge: the individuals who received training can answer questions correctly on tests (e.g., multiple choice, fill-in-the-blank)
2. Performance: the individuals who received training can demonstrate each step of the skill correctly (e.g., BeSafe Tool) a. Behavioral scientists generally conduct pre- and post- training assessments to determine if the learning objectives for their educational training have been met.

6. Who do I contact if I have questions about or need additional assistance with the BeSafe Tool?

For questions or additional assistance with the BeSafe Tool, contact us at info@aarbf.org.