

JULIE'S ELECTRICAL AND POISONOUS HAZARDS

Name _____ Period _____

INSTRUCTIONS: Underline the safety hazards in the story. Also, below each hazard, write what would have been a safer way to have done things.

Fried eggs are Julie's favorite breakfast food. After she helped her little sister get dressed one Saturday morning, she sat down at the table to visit as her mother was mixing orange juice. Julie's mother asked her to make the fried eggs and toast because she had to go to work.

Julie first washed her hands but could not find a towel to dry them. Since the clean towels were in the basement she decided to let her hands air dry while fixing the eggs. She plugged the electric fry pan cord into the wall then into the fry pan and put some bread in the toaster. The fry pan didn't seem to be heating very fast. With some investigation, Julie noticed that the cord was cracked and a wire was beginning to show through. She put some masking tape around the worn place on the cord. The fry pan still wouldn't get very hot so Julie got out the hibachi. When the charcoal was hot she put some margarine and eggs in a frying pan.

After the toast popped up, Julie used a fork to pull it out because it was caught in the slot. Suddenly a terrible aroma darted past her nose -- like burning rubber or plastic. Julie noticed the fry pan cord was smoking so she hurriedly yanked it out of the outlet. The cord had melted against the fry pan.

Julie's breakfast wasn't very successful. Even so, she decided to scrub the kitchen so that her mother wouldn't be too upset. As she started to put the food away, she noticed some ants crawling underneath the table. She rushed to get the insect killer and thoroughly sprayed the floor. When the food was put away Julie got the pine cleaner and ammonia from behind the vegetable oil, mixed them and mopped the floor. There was so much of her mixture left that

she put it in a milk jug under the sink.

That evening she went into the TV room where her mother was about to use the old Hoover to vacuum up some water. As Julie's mother plugged the cord into the outlet that had six other cords coming out of it, Julie told her mother about breakfast. Julie's mother told her she'd just have to be more careful in the future.