# Trend Task: Get Firewise

Approach: Station Year: 8

Focus: Finding information on a website

Resources: Computer program on laptop computer

# Questions / instructions:

# This activity uses the computer.

#### Click on the button that says Get Firewise.

[Search term menu shown below is based on the New Zealand Fire Service Firewise website, as at time of task development in 2005, and is now out of date. The website shown below is the site as at April 2010, showing the current programme – http://firewise.fire.org.nz/index.html]

#### **VOICE-OVER INSTRUCTIONS:**

Look at the web page about the New Zealand Fire Service. You will be asked to find some different things about this service. Click on the search term in the menu bar you would use to find the answers. Here's the first one.

(Voice-over and on-screen text presented same list as in answer column adjacent.)



# Pictures of fire fighting:

selected search term "Photo Library"

61 (60)

year 8

How many house fires were there this year?

selected search term "Facts and Statistics"

33 (35)

Stories about fires that have been on TV and in the newspapers:

selected search term "News & Media"

78 (72)

How to make sure you don't have a fire in your home:

selected search term "Safety in You House"

75 (77)

Studies that show the things that cause fires:

selected search term "Fire Research"

49 (49)

How to get out of a building that is on fire:

selected search term "Evacuation Advice"

55 (51)

How much fire fighters get paid:

selected search term "Jobs & Recruitment"

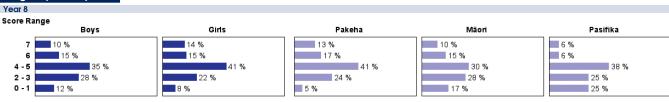
66 (64)

Total Score:

7 12 (10) 6 15 (16) 4–5 38 (40)

2–3 0–1 38 (40) 25 (24) 10 (11)

# Subgroup Analyses:



# Commentary:

Most children were able to find quite a lot of the requested information on a website concerning fire safety. Performance was very similar in 2005 and 2009. Girls slightly outperformed boys and Pakeha and Māori children outperformed Pasifika children.