



DO YOU KNOW A CHILD WHO IS CURIOUS ABOUT FIRE?

Many children who play with matches and lighters set fires out of curiosity. Lessons in fire safety are the best way for them to avoid getting severely hurt.

FACTS:

- *A child can easily start a fire by playing with matches or lighters.*
- *Death by fires is the leading cause of accidental death of children in the home.*
- *Of every 100 people who die in child-set fires, 85 are children.*
- *Firesetters come from all ethnic, social, and economic backgrounds.*

If you know a child who is curious about fire, please contact the Juvenile Firesetters Intervention Program at (202) 727-2215 for more information.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- *Keep matches and lighters out of children's sight and reach. Even toddlers can use lighters and kitchen matches to start a flame.*
- *Teach children that fire is a tool, not a toy. Talk about ways grown-ups use different tools (cooking tools, Repair and building tools, hobby tools).*
- *Teach your child to say no when friends suggest playing with fire.*
- *Encourage all children to tell a grown-up if they find matches and lighters. Praise your child whenever he or she does this.*

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