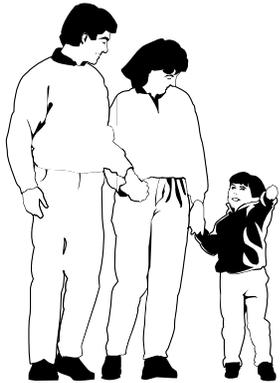


Who Sets Fires ?

Some children engage in fire-play out of curiosity, without realizing the dangers. Some use fire-play as a bid for attention. Children in crisis may set fires intentionally, as a way of acting out their anger or frustration. With proper intervention, children who set fires can be helped.

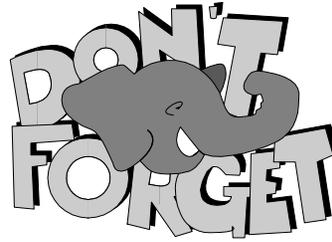


When To Seek Help

If your child plays with matches or lighters and doesn't respond to your efforts to redirect his or her interest, your child would most likely benefit from intervention. Parents who suspect, or find evidence, that their child is setting fires should approach them with concern for the consequences of fire setting behavior. Always reassure your child about any crisis that may be provoking the behavior, listen carefully when your child describes his or her feelings and *get help!*

It's Your Responsibility

Set a good example by following basic fire safe practices in the home and teach your children to respect fire.



- ◆ Keep matches and lighters out of children's sight and reach, lock away when possible. Use only child resistant lighters
- ◆ Never leave young children unattended around open flame or fireplaces
- ◆ Protect your home by making sure your smoke detectors are in working condition and test them monthly
- ◆ Teach older children to use fire responsibly
- ◆ If you suspect your child is setting fires, get help *immediately!*

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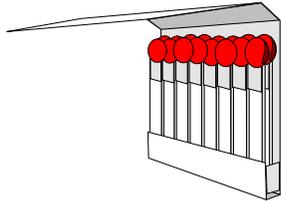
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Fire Safety Network

All youth involved in a fire setting incident in Jackson County are referred to the juvenile department and are placed into one of two fire safety classes. The newest group, developed by the Jackson County Fire Setters Network, targets the younger child motivated by curiosity. This is a comprehensive fire safety class for children between the age of one and ten years. Time is spent with a therapist and fire personnel discussing the fire incident, the danger and fire safety measures for the future.



FACTS

- Young children are fascinated by fire
- Children set an average of 15 fires a day in Oregon
- Yearly, hundreds of children die in home fires started by children

PREVENTION

- Keep matches and lighters out of children's sight and reach
- Teach children that fire is a tool, not a toy
- Don't leave children unattended and unsupervised

ACTION

- As a parent of young children, ***take any fire play seriously!***
- Get immediate help to prevent behavior from becoming worse

Where To Find Help

The Jackson County Juvenile Fire Setters Network provides a county-wide intervention program that serves all the fire districts in Jackson County and provides a high level of service to the child and their families.

If you have concerns, questions, or wish to place your child in a free intervention program you can contact:

Jackson County Juvenile Department
(541) 774-4800

OR

You're local Fire Department



Fires are the number one cause of death in the home for children under five, and the National Fire Protection Association estimates that more than one third of those children died in fires started by themselves or by other young children. Fire is the number one cause of death in the home for children ages 5 to 14. Roughly one of every seven fatal structure fires is started by a child under age 15. In 1997, 55 percent of arson arrests involved juveniles. Detection and immediate intervention of a problem when the child is young is imperative.

Local Fire Departments

The following list should help direct you to your local Fire Department. Ask for the department's Prevention Division and/or Juvenile Fire Setter Network contact:

Applegate Valley RFPD #9	899-1050
Ashland Fire & Rescue	482-2770
Butte Falls Fire	865-3262
Colestine Rural Fire	488-1768
Eagle Point Fire	826-4212
Evans Valley Fire Dist.#6	582-0678
Jackson Co. Fire Dist.#3	826-7100
Jackson Co. Fire Dist.#4	878-2666
Jackson Co. Fire Dist.#5	535-4222
Jacksonville Fire	899-7246
Lake Creek Rural Fire	826-1872
Medford City/Rural Fire	774-2300
ODF - Central Point	664-3328
Phoenix Fire	535-2883
Prospect Fire	560-3623
Rogue River Fire District	582-4411

