

Juveniles and Fire Safety

As a parent or guardian, have you recently talked to your children about fire safety? This is an important topic that cannot be repeated enough times to your kids. Many pre-teens and teens become “bored” and start to explore other options to occupy their attention, some turn to fire.

- Do not leave matches or lighters within reach of children. Keep matches and lighters up high, out of reach, out of sight or locked up.
- Use child resistant lighters, remember, they are not child proof.
- Teach children not to touch matches or lighters and to report to an adult if they find matches or lighters.
- Never use matches or lighters as a source of amusement-our kids imitate us.
- Talk to your kids about the importance of fire safety and use real life examples of how their exploration could potentially harm people that they care about in a very dramatic way.

If your child is unduly fascinated with fire or plays with matches or lighters contact us. We have a Juvenile Fire Setter Program that works with the child to teach them about fire and how this can affect people. There are also various community agencies that can work with children regarding their fascination with fire.