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Fire Safety and our Children

Children are naturally curious about fire and typically set over 35,000 fires a year. The age of curiosity starts at around two years old. In light of this, we must teach our children about the dangers of fire and watch for warning signs of misuse.

- * Instruct children never to play with matches or lighters. If possible, keep these in locked drawers and consider buying “child-proof” lighters.
- * Never leave children unattended near operating stoves or burning candles even for a short time.
- * Pots on stovetops should always have their handles turned toward the center of stove where children can not access and tip over.
- * No one should stand too close to a campfire or fireplace.
- * Children should never play with electrical cords and should ask adults for help plugging in equipment.
- * **Warning Signs:** 1) Evidence of fire play such as burnt matches, or if you smell smoke in hair or on clothes; 2) In appropriate interest in firefighters and/or trucks such as impropver calls to fire department; 3) Request to try and light cigarette, candles, etc; and/or 4) if you find matches or lighters in pockets or rooms.



To satisfy a child's curiosity, consider visiting a fire station.

If you suspect your child is playing with fire... talk to your child about his or her actions. Explain that fire is a tool only used by adults and is very dangerous. Many schools and fire departments have programs for children inappropriately interested in fire.

Working together to help our families keep safe !