



Burny's Fire Facts

May 3-9, 2015 is "Arson Awareness Week". This year's Arson Awareness Week theme for the State of Alaska is "Youth Fire Setting". Youth fire setting is the misuse of fire by children and is not always associated with the crime of **arson**.

Safety Tips

- ◆ **Fire is a tool, not a toy.**
- ◆ **Fire can seriously injure or kill someone.**
- ◆ **All fires, even small ones, can spread quickly.**
- ◆ **Never leave matches or lighters within children's reach.**
- ◆ **Supervise children at all times.**
- ◆ **Trust your instincts if you suspect suspicious behaviors.**

Why do they set fires?

For most, the reason is for experimentation and curiosity. However, curiosity may evolve and lead to a cry of help or thrill seeking. Others may involve mental or emotional problems. *If you suspect youth fire setting behavior contact:*

- Local fire department
- Mental health professionals
- Juvenile Justice system
- Division of Fire and Life Safety (See below)

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***HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR SMOKE ALARM LATELY?
YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES DEPEND ON IT***