



Burny's Fire Facts



CHILDREN AND FIRE SAFETY TIPS

Children and fire are a deadly combination. Some children play with fire out of curiosity, not realizing its danger. Troubled children may set a fire as a way of acting out their anger, disappointment or frustration.

If you suspect a child is intentionally setting fires or unusually fascinated with fire, get help. Your local fire department, school, or community health agency can put you in touch with trained experts who know how to teach children about fire in an appropriate way.

- ◆ **Never use lighters or matches as a source of amusement for children; they may imitate you. Matches and lighters are tools for adults only.**
- ◆ **Store matches and lighters out of children's reach and sight, up high, preferably in a locked cabinet or container.**
- ◆ **A child with an interest in fire can lead to fire starting and result in repeated firesetting behavior. Grown-ups can help keep fire out of the hands of children.**
- ◆ **Teach young children and school-age children to tell a grown-up if they see matches or lighters. Children need to understand that fire is difficult to control, it is fast and can hurt as soon as it touches you.**

<http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/for-consumers/arson-and-youth-fire-setting/young-firesetters/children-and-fire-safety-tips>

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