



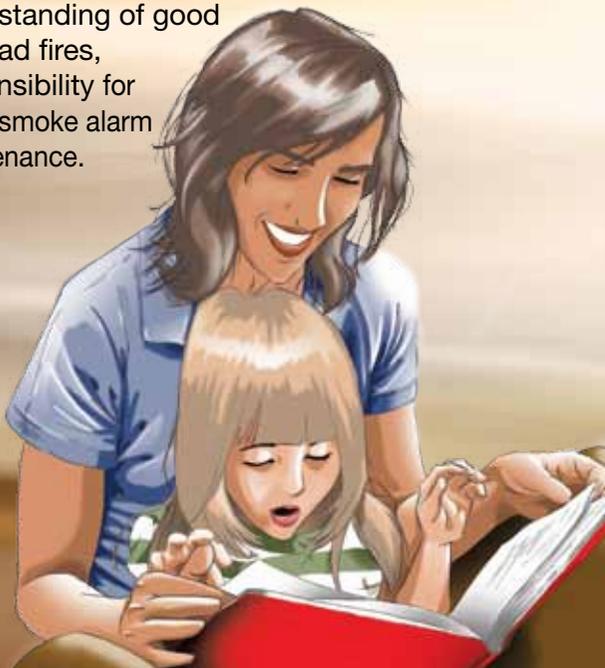
The Juvenile Fire Awareness and Intervention Program.

The aims of The Juvenile Fire Awareness and Intervention Program are to prevent loss of life, injury and property damage caused by inappropriate firelighting. This is achieved by assisting:

- Family networks dealing with child fireplay.
- Young people to understand and taking responsibility for fire safety and their own actions.

JFAIP is a statewide program. It is delivered by selected operational firefighters (practitioners) who work closely with the young person and their family. Practitioners have access to a range of educational activities and approaches that will vary according to the age and maturity of the young person.

Some of the activities used include fire scenarios, discussions with the support of books, DVDs or news articles, preparing fire escape plans, understanding of good and bad fires, responsibility for home smoke alarm maintenance.



Where can you get help?

The information in this brochure is designed to assist you to limit a young persons opportunity to light fires.

The Juvenile Fire Awareness and Intervention Program is:

- Age and maturity based.
- Delivered in your own home.
- Free of charge.
- Strictly confidential*.

If you need advice or assistance regarding your child's firelighting or this program contact the JFAIP State Coordinator:

phone 1300 309 988

Write to: JFAIP State Coordinator
c/o Metropolitan Fire Brigade
PO Box 151,
East Melbourne, Victoria 8002

Email: jfaipoffice@mfb.vic.gov.au



* In accordance with program policy all information obtained remains confidential. A copy of program policy can be obtained from the JFAIP State Coordinator.

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CHILDREN + FIREPLAY = DANGER

A free, confidential, home based program
for early primary to 17yrs.



For help....
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JUVENILE FIRE AWARENESS
and INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Helping families solve the problem of juvenile firelighting.



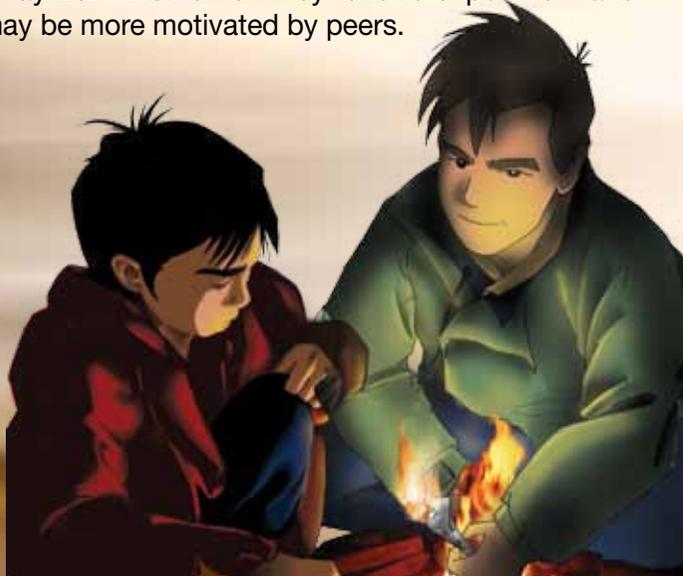


Why do children start fires?

There are several reasons why young people light fires:

-  Fascination with fire.
-  Curiosity about fire.
-  Attention-seeking behaviour.
-  Peer pressure.
-  Anger.
-  Revenge.
-  Malicious or mischievous behaviour.

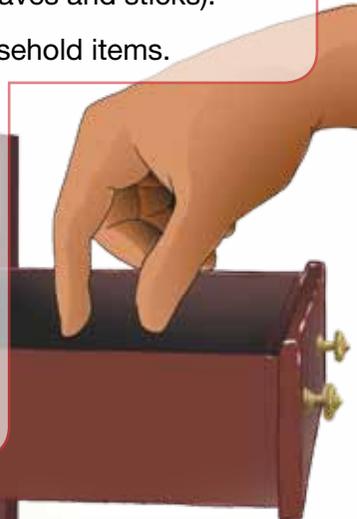
Younger children tend to light fires in and around their homes. They rarely intend to cause damage with fire. Adolescents are more likely to light fires away from the home. They tend to experiment and may be more motivated by peers.



Things for you to watch for...

You may notice:

-  Matches and lighters disappearing.
-  Matches and lighters found amongst your child's belongings.
-  Burnt items such as toys, paper, garbage or garden refuse (leaves and sticks).
-  Burn marks on household items.
-  Your child showing an extreme interest in fire.
-  Your child setting fire to destroy something.
-  Your child setting fire to hurt someone.



Take action:

-  If you discover burnt matches or papers.
-  If you suspect that your child is involved in fire setting.
-  If you suspect that your child is involved in fireplay.



What can you do to prevent most firelighting?

Things you can do:

-  Explain that fire is a tool not a toy, outlining:
 - Fire is used for cooking and heating.
 - Fire is dangerous... **it can kill.**
 - All fires can spread quickly.
-  Teach children about fire safety and consequences of fire.
-  Lock away matches and lighters just as you lock away medicines, cleaning fluids and other dangerous household products. 
-  Teach children to show you any unattended matches and lighters they find. You can then dispose of them and reward their honesty.
-  Ensure your child is supervised at all times especially around fire.
-  Store flammable liquids and combustible materials properly. Never place them close to an ignition source.
-  Have a working smoke alarm installed in your home, test battery monthly and change the battery at the end of daylight savings.
-  **LEAD BY EXAMPLE!** At all times stress the importance of being responsible with fire.