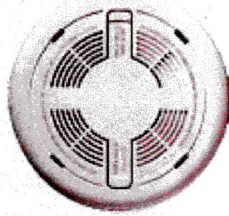


JFS—Program Description

The program is a meeting between the Juvenile, his or her parents and siblings and the firefighter/JFS Educator. This meeting takes place at the Marshfield Fire and Rescue Department where the child and family members are interviewed by the educator to determine the level of severity of fire setting. This evaluation process places the student into one of three classifications - low, medium or high risk. Low and medium risk students will be educated by the Marshfield Fire and Rescue Department, while high risk students will be treated by mental health professionals.

The juvenile receives approximately 45 minutes of education with regards to Fire Safety and the dangers that are involved with setting fires. Typically, videos are used followed by discussion about what happened in the video and ways to correct those actions.

At the end of the session he or she is given a homework assignment, that is required to be completed prior to the next meeting. Some of the homework assignments given to children include testing their smoke detectors, creating and practicing fire escape drills in their home, Stop, Drop, & Roll drills, and Activity pages.



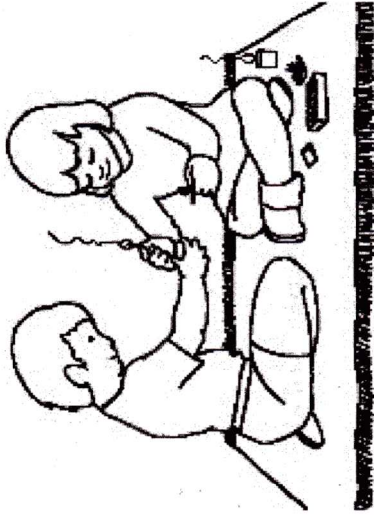
Do You Know A Child Who Is Curious About Fire?

300 children each year die in youth related fires.

Two of every fire deaths of preschool-aged children in home fires occurs between 8 am - 4 pm

Death by fire is the leading cause of accidental death of children in the home.

A child can easily start a fire by playing with matches or lighters.



A FAMILY MATTER

In the time it takes you to read this sentence, a child could change his life and the life of his family with the strike of just one match.

*Make fire safety a family matter.
Learn everything you can about fire safety and make it a part of your family's life.*

Marshfield Fire and Rescue Department

Juvenile Fire Safety (JFS) Program



The Marshfield JFS Program has 2 main focuses—education of the children entered in the program and education of the parents and siblings.

Juvenile Fire Safety Program—What is it?

Juvenile Fire Safety (JFS) Programs are community projects created to help educate children having trouble understanding the dangers of fire play and fire setting.

Each child and his/her family are matched with a firefighter-educator who will guide them through the lessons on fire and life safety. Confidentiality of the student and family is a high priority with the educator.

The Marshfield Juvenile Fire Safety Program has been in operation since 1992 and currently have 9 firefighter-educators assigned to the program.

The department hosts JFS quarterly team meetings to review current trends, continuing education topics such as information on ADD/ADHA, autism, etc.

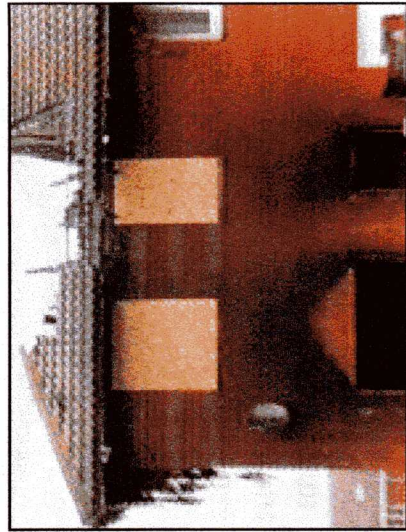
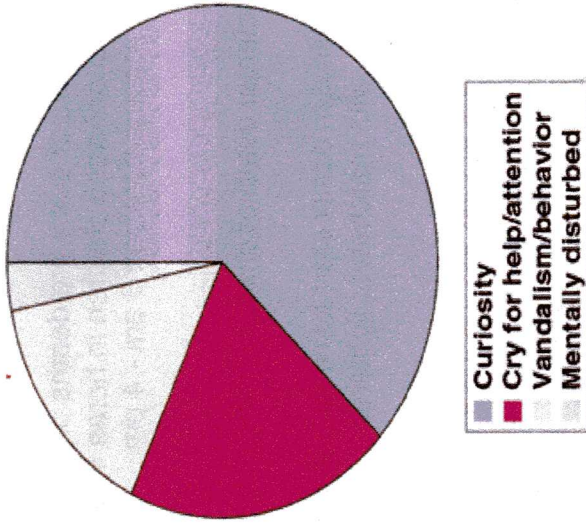


Figure 1. Types of Juvenile Fire Setters



What Can You Do?

The most effective intervention for curious children is proper adult supervision and fire safety education.

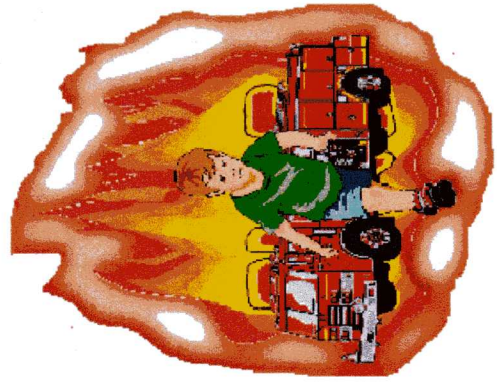
Teach preschool children to TELL an adult if they find matches or lighters.

Teach school age children to GIVE matches and lighters to an adult. Praise your child whenever he or she does this.

Teach your child how to SAY NO when friends suggest playing with fire.

Teach children that fire is a tool, **not** a toy. Talk about ways adults use different tools (cooking tools, repair and building tools, hobby tools).

Explain how adults use matches to light candles, start a campfire or light a barbecue.



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