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Juvenile Firesetters

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Did you know?

- Fifty-four percent of all arson arrests in the U.S. are children under 18.
- For fires coded as child play and not intentional, 84 percent involved firesetters under the age of 10.
- Children lack an understanding of the destructive potential of fire.



The videos below and the links to the right will help your department understand juvenile firesetters and help them train their communities to be safe.

Online resources:

TO HELL AND BACK: COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND JUVENILE FIRESETTERS

AV07-2173 Length: 60:00 Format: DV Author: PEOPLE'S BURN FOUNDATION

This DVD was developed for community awareness and is meant to realistically and honestly teach the reality of burn injuries. Survivors tell their stories and medical practitioners discuss burn injuries and treatment. This program is appropriate for high school and adult audiences, but should not be presented without a representative of the fire service in attendance. The second part of the program is aimed at juvenile firesetters. Age 7 to 9 should view with a parent or guardian and age 10 and older should view with a counselor or other interventionist. (2007)

[The Idea Bank](#)

USFA Publications

[Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Handbook](#)

[TR-095 Special Report: Arson and Juveniles: Responding to the Violence](#)

[National Juvenile Firesetter/Arson Control and Prevention Program](#)

[Juvenile Firesetting: A Growing Concern](#)

SMALL HANDS--BIG FIRES

AV98-0735 Length: 12:00 Format: V Author: SYNDISTAR

This video shows information on behavioral symptoms, distinguishes between curious, troubled, delinquent and severely disturbed firesetters. Experts suggest methods of prevention and treatment.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

AV98-0816 Length: 12:00 Format: V Author: IDEA BANK

Three teenagers tell how their lives were changed by fire. The resource guide that comes with the video contains resources devoted to preventing juvenile firesetting and is regularly updated at <http://www.theideabank.com>.

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