



## Children and Fires- The Facts

- ⇒ Nationally, playing with fire is the leading cause of death in residential fires for young children.
- ⇒ At home, children often play with fire in the bedroom – where lots of things catch on fire easily.
- ⇒ Older children frequently play with fire outside the home, at the bus stop, or in vacant lots.
- ⇒ Children are under the false impression that they can control the fires they set.
- ⇒ Many children who set fires lack both parental supervision and fire safety education.
- ⇒ Juveniles account for more than 50-percent of all arson arrests in the United States.
- ⇒ Nationally, children who play with fire cause nearly 80,000 structure fires per year which result in approximately 760 deaths and more than 3,500 injuries.
- ⇒ Juvenile firesetting does an estimated 1.2 billion dollars in damage annually.

## What does the Juvenile Fire Setters Program teach kids?



### Class topics are:

- Basic Fire Behavior
- Arson & the Law
- Burns & Burn Injuries
- Fire Safety
- Home Fire Escape Planning
- Holiday Fire Safety
- Personal Accountability

## What is the Rhode Island Division of State Fire Marshal?

As a team, the Fire Marshal's Office is committed to its mission of creating a fire safe State of Rhode Island through consistent fire code enforcement, rendering suspicious objects safe, bomb disposal, fire investigation and public education.

## Who teaches the classes?

Deputy State Fire Marshals in conjunction with local firefighters trained as *Juvenile Firesetters Intervention Specialists*, teach the classes in Rhode Island.