

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.