

Ketchikan Fire Department Fire Stoppers Program



A child who is curious about fire may be any age.

A child who misuses fire may be anyone's child.



The Ketchikan Fire Departments Fire Stoppers program is an effective intervention curriculum for children who have shown any type of fire setting or fire play behavior.

FIRESSETTING FACTS

- If your child has shown an interest or curiosity about fire, they need education about fire safety.
- If your child has played with, or set a fire, they need education about fire safety.
- Please don't think the behavior will "go away" or he or she will "grow out of it". Even if your child started a fire and feels very badly about it, his/her chances of using or playing with fire again may be very high.

It is estimated that up to 80% of children who start a fire, even accidentally, will use fire again if they do not receive education from a fire educator.

FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION FOR YOUR CHILD

The Ketchikan Fire Department, in partnership with multiple outside agencies, offers a free, confidential education program for children who show curiosity about fire or have started a fire. The Fire Stoppers program engages children's interest and is informative for parents. The program involves an assessment of the child's risk for using fire, fun age-appropriate activities that help the child learn about being safe around fire, and information for parents on how to keep their whole family safe. For those children who would benefit from additional help, referrals are available for behavioral health services.

**For more information about Fire Stoppers, please call
Ketchikan Fire Department at: 907-225-9616**

“The Hidden Epidemic”

How would you picture an arsonist? A dangerous-looking, shifty-eyed criminal...someone with an axe to grind? Maybe someone with little regard for human life...or, someone with a pattern of violent behavior? Would you ever imagine a kid?

According to the FBI, more than 50% of those arrested for setting arson fires are juveniles. In fact, juvenile arson is the fastest growing teen and pre-teen crime in the country. It has become America's hidden epidemic. More than 700 arson fires a day are being set in the United States by people under the age of 18.

Your help is needed to reduce the risk of juvenile arson in our community. If you know a child who may be involved in setting fires, please contact the Ketchikan Fire Department's Fire Stoppers Program at 225-9616. This confidential assessment may mean the difference between life and death.

“\$2 Billion A Year Up In Smoke”

In the time it takes to finish this sentence, an arson fire will destroy \$600 worth of property. That's a total of two billion dollars a year lost to arson fires in the United States.

Even more shocking is that over half of the people arrested for arson are under 18 years of age. If you know a child who may be involved in setting fires, please contact the Ketchikan Fire Department's Fire Stoppers Program at 225-9616 for a confidential assessment. Education and intervention can prevent juvenile firesetting.

CHILDREN AND FIRE

According to the National Fire Protection Association, fires kill 300 children every year and injure 3,000 more. The sad truth is, 1/3 of all children killed by fire set the fire themselves.

If you know a child who may be involved in setting fires, please seek assistance from the Ketchikan Fire Department's Fire Stoppers Program at 225-9616. This confidential assessment may mean the difference between life and death.