



If you have a child or adolescent who needs fire safety education/intervention services, call (503) 988-4982

## Participating Agencies

Oregon Burn Center

Washington County Juvenile Department

Multnomah County District Attorney

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Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office

Clackamas County Juvenile Department

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Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue

## Firesetting Myths

**Myth:** It is normal for children to play with fire.  
**Fact:** **NO! In fact, it is dangerous and unsafe behavior that can cause burn injury, death and property loss.**

**Myth:** Firesetting is a phase children will out-grow.  
**Fact:** **It is not a phase. It must be dealt with, or it will continue.**

**Myth:** If the fire is small, there's no problem.  
**Fact:** **All fires start small. They can quickly spread and get out of control.**

**Myth:** Children who start fires are pyromaniacs.  
**Fact:** **Almost every child has some curiosity about fire. But progression to firesetting is a problem and can occasionally be a symptom of a more widespread problem.**

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**Some children set fires deliberately. There can be many reasons for this, including peer pressure, anger, boredom, or a cry for help due a significant crisis in the child's life. For these children, firesetting may be an outlet for their feelings.**

**Curiosity about fire is normal. Firesetting is not.**



## Fire Safe Children and Families

offers classes throughout the tri-county area of Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties to children, adolescents and their families.



Ages 6-11  
**Fire Safety Academy**  
 Ages 12-17  
**Safety Course**

These no-cost, recurring classes are taught by a multi-disciplinary team in a variety of locations.

Funding is provided by a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant.



Fire Safety Academy provides classes about fire safety for children and their parents (or caregivers).

Children and parents will learn safe and responsible behaviors relating to fire use in the home.

### Topics include

Fire safety education  
Fire hazard recognition  
Home escape planning  
Decision making  
Responsibility  
Problem solving

### Program Mailing Address

Fire Safe Children and Families  
201 B Ave Suite 265  
Lake Oswego, OR 97034

### If a youth possesses or is using lighters or matches...take these steps

- \* Increase supervision for all youth who are fascinated with fire.
- \* Immediately lock all matches and lighters away in an inaccessible location.
- \* Set firm rules that youth are not to use or possess matches or lighters. They may not light candles without supervision.
- \* Smokers should keep their lighters on their person and use child-resistant lighters.
- \* Give youth permission to tell an adult if they see another youth use matches or lighters.
- \* Keep gasoline, solvents, lighters and BBQ fluid in a locked cabinet.
- \* Install smoke alarms in the child's bedroom, closet, hallways and common living areas.
- \* Practice a Home Fire Drill.

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The goal of Safety course is to hold youth accountable for fire offenses. Due to the focus of cognitive skill building combined with fire safety, it fulfills juvenile department mandates for fire safety education for youth involved in the court system.

### Topics Include:

Communication  
Anger/Boredom  
Thinking Errors  
Empathy  
Problem Solving  
Peer Pressure/Assertiveness  
Sharing Feelings  
The social, financial and legal consequences of misusing fire

Website: [www.firesafe.us](http://www.firesafe.us)

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