

Y-FIRES

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

- + Locate matches and lighters in your home and dispose of them or place them in a secure area. If you don't know where your matches and lighters are, ask your children... they do!
- + If you smoke, keep the lighter with you at all times and dispose of other lighters. This sends a message to your children that you too are taking steps to be fire safe.
- + Talk to your children about what they should do when they find a match or lighter on the street, in a playground or at home. Encourage them to report it to an adult they know – a parent/ caregiver, teacher or relative. This gives your children the responsibility they need to take the right actions.
- + Test your smoke alarms monthly as a family to ensure they are working.
- + Develop a home fire escape plan and practice it as a family.
- + Perform your own home fire inspection to ensure your home is safe.

DID YOU KNOW?

Alberta fire statistics show that approximately 20% of child fire victims died in fires they started themselves.

Matches and lighters were used in 70% of the destructive fires started by children.

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MORE INFORMATION

Y-FIRES Program
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Edmonton Fire Rescue Services

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Youth Firesetter Program

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Signs that your child may be “playing with” or misusing fire

- + Your child smells of smoke
- + Your child has burned or singed clothing such as pant cuffs or coat cuffs
- + Your child has singed hair, eyebrows or eyelashes
- + You find matches in the garbage can or toilet
- + You find burned or melted items such as toys, paper or plastic in garbage cans or under furniture
- + Your child has burned fingers or conceals their fingers to hide burned areas

The Youth Firesetter Intervention, Referral and Education Service (Y-FIRES)

Y-FIRES evaluates and educates children and youth who have misused, deliberately started, or whose interest in fire is a concern.

Children referred to Y-FIRES attend a single meeting which includes:

- + An interview with both the parent/caregiver and the child/youth
- + An incident overview
- + An educational discussion
- + A video discussion
- + Referral to professional help (when necessary)

If your child has misused fire, deliberately started a fire or if you are concerned about your child's interest in fire – please call Edmonton Fire Rescue Services' Fire Prevention Office at 780-496-3628 and ask about Y-FIRES.

Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialists can help youth understand that “playing with” or misusing fire is very dangerous.

Youth who have deliberately started a fire may be indirectly indicating additional, underlying problems. Edmonton Fire Rescue Services can assist with a referral to outside agencies for further assessment when needed.

