

# Fire Department • City of New York



## FDNY Bureau of Fire Investigation JUVENILE FIRESETTERS INTERVENTION PROGRAM



### WARNING: CHILDREN & FIRE

- Over 100 children and 6 senior citizens were killed as a result of children playing with matches, lighters and candles in New York City in a recent 5 year period.
- Nationwide, more than 140 children are killed each year while playing with cigarette lighters. **Most of the Victims are less than 5 years old!**
- 2 children were killed in New York City last year while playing with candles.



### KEEP MATCHES, LIGHTERS & CANDLES OUT OF CHILDREN'S REACH

It is quite normal for very young children ages two to seven to be attracted to fire. Most children under 7 years of age do not understand fire's destructive consequences. Keep lighters out of sight and out of your child's reach. Never encourage a child to play with a lighter or to think of it as a toy. Do not use it as a source of amusement for a child. Once their curiosity is aroused, children may seek out a lighter and try to light it.

**If your child has played with fire on one or more occasions  
OR  
If your child has deliberately set a fire  
call THE JUVENILE FIRESETTERS INTERVENTION UNIT  
(718) 722-3600**