



# Deliberate Firesetting

Parents & Carers

## You can help to reduce deliberate fires

Make sure that children and young people are aware of the risks of playing with fire and the consequences of deliberately setting a fire. Things like setting fire to grass or rubbish can have a serious impact.

If possible, be aware of where children or young people are – and what they're doing.

Deliberate fires take firefighters away from other incidents and could put lives at risk.

## Are you concerned the children or young people you look after could be involved in setting deliberate fires?

Is there a smell of smoke on clothes or in the home? Talk to them about the dangers of 'playing with fire'.

**We can help.** Contact your local fire station. Your local Community Action Team can offer advice or even a visit via the Firesetters Intervention and Re-education Scheme (FIReS).

## Facts

In 2019-20 the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service attended **11,649** deliberate outdoor fires. Many of these involve young people.

Deliberate fires can spread quickly, threatening wildlife, property & people.

## Don't accept it, report it

Contact Police Scotland via the non-emergency number **101** to share information on anyone who deliberately sets fires. Alternatively, give the information anonymously by calling Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111**.

**LET'S WORK  
TOGETHER TO PREVENT  
DELIBERATE FIRES**



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