

WHO CAN HELP?

If your child has experimented with fire, sign him or her up for the Milford Juvenile Fire-Setting Intervention Program. This program provides support and education in fire prevention and safety for the child and his or her family. The Program consists of educational sessions with fire safety professionals. Through a comprehensive assessment process, a program will be designed for the individual child's specific needs. If the child is found to need additional support services, recommending City agencies can be made. Sessions can be arranged at flexible hours and are entirely free of charge.

Help us help children in need



Supporting Agencies

- Milford Police Department*
- Milford Public Schools*
- Milford Hospital*
- Catholic Family Charities*
- Commission on Fire Prevention and Control*
- Milford Health Department*
- Milford Youth & Family Services*
- United Way of Milford*
- Bridges—A Community Support System*



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The Problem of Fireplay

Fire-setting behavior is a growing problem in the United States with over 1 million fires set each year by juveniles. These juveniles range in age from toddlers through late adolescents and come from all socioeconomic groups, all cultures, and in all family structures. One in seven deaths, due to arson, is the result of a fire set by a juvenile. This growing problem is one that requires community action through the coordination of fire agencies, schools, hospitals, police, and mental health services.

Message to Parents...

Property is damaged and lives are lost every year as a result of juvenile fire-setting. You, as a parent or caregiver, have an important role in ensuring the fire safety of your family and community.

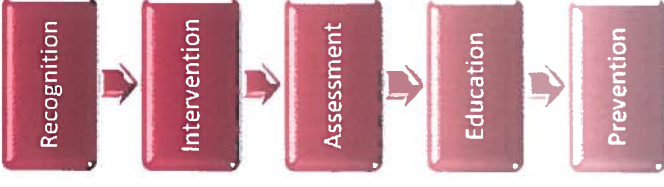
Many children do not understand the legal consequences of setting fires. In fact, you may also be unaware of the criminal charges your son or daughter may face if they set a fire. In some cases, you may also be held financially responsible for your child's behavior.



Parents can be held liable for damages caused by their child's fire-setting.

We—parents, firefighters, community service providers—all have the same goal: to keep you, your family, and the community safe from fire.

5 Steps to Prevention:



The process begins with the recognition of a fire-setting problem. Intervention begins when a child is taken into the program. Through comprehensive assessment, an individualized education plan is developed and implemented. With the successful delivery of fire safety education, future fire-setting can be prevented.

MJFSI Program History

The Milford Juvenile Fire-Setting Intervention Program was created in 1998. It was created by the Milford Fire Marshal's Office, with the cooperation of several Milford City agencies, to combat the rise of fire-related incidents involving juveniles. Several nationally recognized programs were reviewed and used as models for the development of Milford's program.



The program has continued to grow and develop as new standards and practices are incorporated. The program has proven valuable to the families of Milford and will continue to do so into the future.

Program Mission

"To identify the fire-setting behavior of juveniles involved in the unsanctioned/unsupervised use of fire, determine the motivation for the fire-setting behavior, and provide prevention for the fire-setting behavior and referrals if warranted for these children and their families."

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