

# FIRE CARE

What to do if you are worried about a young person with fire setting behaviours



**LEICESTERSHIRE**  
**FIRE and RESCUE SERVICE**

# FIRECARE

**FREE** educational service for children and young people up to the age of 18.

## We can help!

The FireCare service has been set up to combat the dangers associated with children/young people with fire setting behaviours.

**Call: 0116 210 5555**

**PARENTAL PERMISSION IS REQUIRED**






You can refer any child up to **18 years old**.

There is **no charge** for the service.

We take referrals directly from parents or any other agency, **providing parental permission is given**.



FireCare is a **FREE** and confidential advisory service offered by Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service, aimed at educating the risks of children/young people that are fire setting.

The service is offered to anyone who is fire setting up to **18 years old**.

Sessions are catered towards the young person and can be delivered by an advisor in a mutually agreed setting, e.g. at home or in school.

It usually involves only one or two visits to the family by an advisor - We also aim to educate the family about fire safety the home.

We are happy to deliver these in conjunction with other agencies e.g. Youth Offending Teams, Social Services and Education.





## How can parents reduce the risk of their child becoming involved in fire-setting?



### Education

- Fire is not a toy. It is dangerous and can kill.
- **ONLY** responsible adults should use fire and even they **MUST** follow safety rules.



### Controlling children's access to fire

- Keep matches and lighters away from children.
- **NEVER** leave candles or fires burning when children are unattended, even for a few minutes.
- Teach children to alert adults when they see matches or lighters lying around.



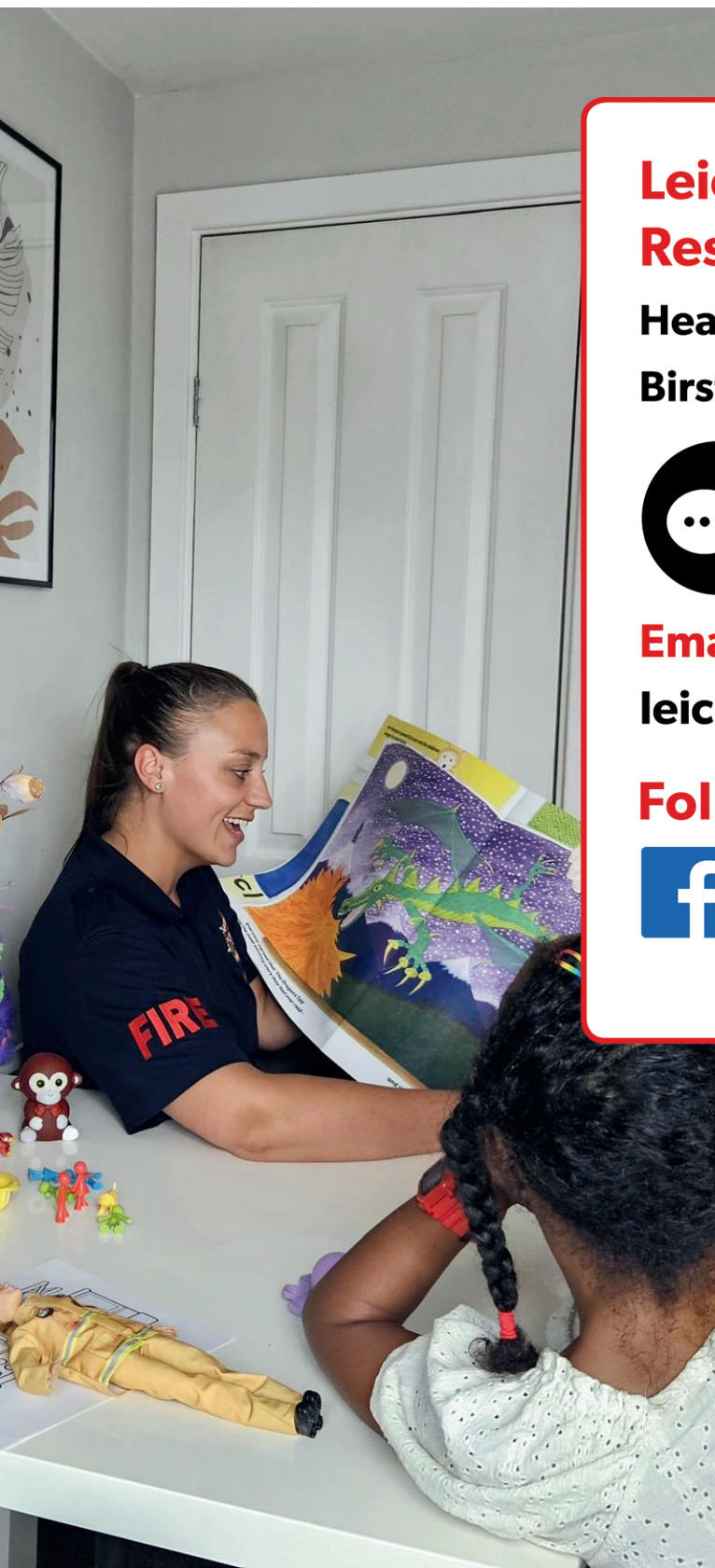
## Setting a good example

- Fit smoke alarms, test them and ensure they have working batteries.
- Draw up a 'fire plan' (home fire escape drill) and practise it with the whole family.
- Reassure children that if a fire does start for any reason, they must not be frightened to tell an adult and they should '**GET OUT, STAY OUT** and **CALL 999**'.
- Regularly inspect your home for fire hazards.
- **ALWAYS** use safety rules when making or using fire and point out the rules during the day.



# For further information, contact:

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