

Do you know a child who plays with fire or sets fires deliberately?

For **free** help call...

FIRECARE

0116 210 5555



Or contact your local
Fire and Rescue Station.

A close-up photograph of a firefighter's hand wearing a red protective glove, holding a red fire hose nozzle. The firefighter's skin is charred and covered in soot, indicating they have been in a fire.

LEICESTERSHIRE
FIRE and RESCUE SERVICE

Do you know a child who plays with fire or sets fires deliberately?

We can help!

The FireCare advisory service has been set up to combat the dangers associated with children and fire.

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.**



Juvenile Fire Setting

How can parents reduce the risk of their child becoming a firesetter?



Education

- Fire is not a toy; it is a tool. It is dangerous and can kill.
- Only adults should use fire and even they have to 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 'fireplan' (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 all '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 course of the day.

FireCare is a FREE and confidential advisory service offered by Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service aimed at reducing the risks of children playing with fire. The service is offered to any firesetter up to 18 years old.

In most cases, FireCare involves only one or two home visits to the family by two advisors; we aim to educate the whole family about fire safety.

The Fire and Rescue Service is happy to deliver these in conjunction with other city and county agencies e.g. Youth Offending Teams, Social Services and Education.

To find out more or to make a referral, visit your local fire and rescue station or simply contact us.

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