



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.

Facts

In 2023-24 the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service attended **11,105** deliberate outdoor fires. Many of these involve young people.

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

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).

Don't accept it, report it

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

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO PREVENT DELIBERATE FIRES



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