

## What happens now?

Talk to a trusted member of the family or close friend.



Act promptly - help is only a phone call away.



Don't panic.

## Contact us

Most children show a natural interest and curiosity about fire.

Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Service have a team of dedicated "Fire-Setter Advisors" who can help.

We work with individual children at home or school.

We do not punish children but help them to change their dangerous fire-setting behaviour.

Don't allow fire to destroy your family. The results can be devastating.



If you need help contact us in confidence on **0800 032 1155** or **Firesetters@hwfire.org.uk**

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FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

## Parent and Guardian information leaflet

*on child fire-setting behaviour*



## Is my child curious?

### Look for the signs



Burnt matches lying around



Burnt pieces of paper left about



Scorch marks on carpets or soft furnishings in their bedroom

## How can I help?

Never leave matches or lighters around the house, even in pockets or handbags. Lock them away or put out of reach.



Tell your child never to touch matches and lighters from an early age. They are dangerous and can burn. They are for grown-ups with **NO EXCEPTIONS**.



## What can I do now?

Stay calm.

Don't frighten or punish your child for being curious.



**HOWEVER:**

They must understand the danger they are in.

Talk about the consequences.

Seek help.

