



Fire Stoppers

A Fire Setting Prevention and Intervention Program for Youth

Children are naturally curious about fire. When this curiosity becomes experimental, it can be dangerous or deadly.

Children “playing” with fire start over 100,000 reported fires annually in the United States. If a child has shown an interest or curiosity with fire or has set a fire, they need early intervention.

Eighty percent of children who start a fire, even accidentally, without fire safety education and intervention, will likely use fire again and the behavior can escalate.

The Seattle Fire Department offers a free, confidential education program for children and their caregivers. This program identifies, educates, refers to and evaluates the progress of youth at-risk of fire-setting behaviors. The program will assess the child’s fire safety educational needs, offer age-appropriate fire safety activities and provide whole family safety information to caregivers. For those children who would benefit from mental health counseling, referrals are available. Please contact firestoppers@seattle.gov for more information.