

## **Juvenile Firesetter Helpline**

### **1-800-500-8897**

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While most people have a fascination with fire, young people lack the experience necessary to make appropriate decisions in regard to fire. The key to a solution for this problem lies in linking the child and their family with the appropriate agency to address the behavior.

The Minnesota State Fire Marshal's Office has developed this helpline as an opportunity for citizens to find the help they need to curb this dangerous behavior of firesetting by juveniles. The incoming call will be answered by an automated system, and then reviewed by a Deputy State Fire Marshal. The Deputy will then forward the case to a local authority for assistance.

**If you feel yourself or others are in immediate danger, please call 911.** You can also help to protect yourself and others by maintaining smoke alarms and by controlling your child's access to fire and ignition devices. These actions as well as providing proper supervision will greatly reduce their chances of starting a fire.