



**EASTCHESTER
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FIRE SAFETY FOR CHILDREN

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Small children may have a curiosity about fire, not realizing its danger. It is important to remember that children and fire can be a deadly combination.

Unfortunately, children, including toddlers, cause thousands of home fires each year, causing hundreds of injuries and millions of dollars in damages.



All children are at risk for using fire unsafely. Many fires happen simply because lighters and matches were left within reach.

SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

- If a child expresses curiosity about fire or has been playing with fire, calmly but firmly explain that matches and lighters are tools, not toys.
- Never leave a child alone in a room with a lit candle. Don't allow teens to have candles in their bedroom.
- Store lighters and matches out of sign and reach, preferably in a locked cabinet or drawer.
- It is natural for young children to be curious and ask questions about fire, play with fire trucks, or pretend to cook. Use these opportunities to teach them about fire safety.
- Don't use lighters as a source of amusement for a child. They may imitate you.
- Give praise for showing respect and age-appropriate responsible behavior toward fire.