



Children and Fire ... A Bad Match

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According to Safe Kids Worldwide, approximately 300 children die and over 100,000 are injured from fire and burn-related incidents each year. Many of these could be avoided by following a few safety guidelines.

Safety Guidelines:

- Teach children to never play with matches or lighters.
- Be alert of signs that children are playing with matches or lighters. Often children hide burnt matches under beds or in closets.
- Teach about the dangers of candles, fireworks, and cigarettes.
- Smoke alarms save lives. Install and maintain one on each level of your home and outside sleeping areas.
- The kitchen is a dangerous place, where small children need constant supervision. Hot items can be pulled off tables and counters, posing a burn risk.
- Practice emergency exit plans with the entire family.
- Determine a safe meeting place outside of the home if there is a fire.
- Post and know emergency contact numbers in your area.

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