

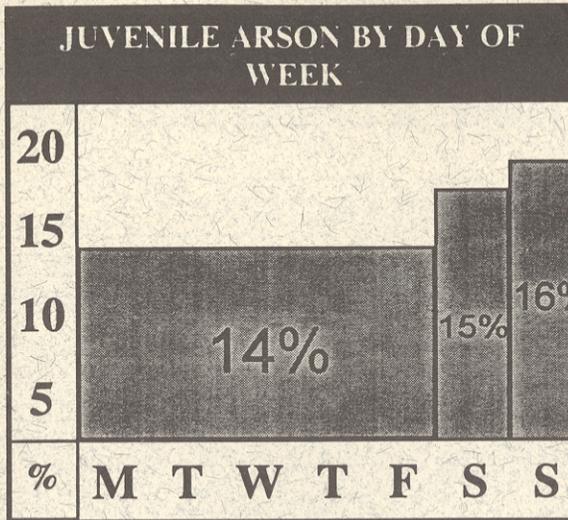
ARSON FIRES

The National Fire Protection Association recently reported that for the first time ever, young people account for a majority of all arson arrests in the United States.

According to the N.F.P.A., children and teenagers made up 55 percent of arson arrests in 1994, compared with 49 percent in 1993 and about 40 percent over the previous 15 years.



**PARENTS AND BABY
SITTERS, NEVER
LEAVE A CHILD
UNSUPERVISED!**

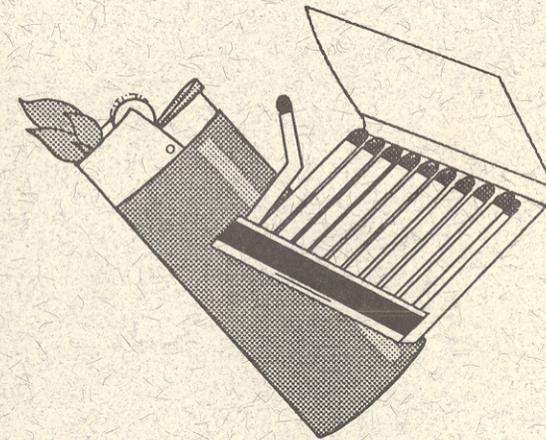


This chart shows the percent of arson fires by the day of the week.

Sunday has the highest incidence of arson fires caused by juveniles.

BEYOND BURNED FINGERS

What you should know about juvenile fire play



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DID YOU KNOW?

1. Juveniles under 18 years of age account for 55 percent of all arson arrests?
2. Juvenile arson comprises of 18 percent of all reported fires?
3. The majority of fire setters are boys?
4. The majority of fire setters come from a broken home?
5. Juvenile fire setters often lack a strong father figure?
6. Juvenile fire setters often have little or no supervision from parents?
7. Loss due to arson fires costs over 130 million dollars annually?



SAFETY PRECAUTIONS YOU SHOULD TAKE IF YOU HAVE A CHILD WITH A FIRE PLAY PROBLEM!

SMOKE DETECTORS

Smoke detectors are perhaps the most important electronic device available for our homes. Test your smoke detector every week, make sure it is working. If you don't have an operating smoke detector in your home, get one today and install it according to manufacturers instructions. Replace the battery if equipped at least once a year.

TAKE PRECAUTIONS

- Purchase a portable fire extinguisher. The recommended size is a 2A-10B.C.
- Place all matches and lighters out of the reach of the child. Use special child resistant lighters and do not keep strike anywhere kitchen matches on hand.
- Check child's clothing for matches or lighters.
- Make an escape plan of your home, make sure every one in the household is familiar with the plan and practice fire drills on a regular basis. Plan at least two escape routes from each room.

GET HELP NOW!

If you have a child with a fire play problem, make sure that child gets the help he needs. The Stockton Fire Department offers a program called Juvenile Fire Setters. Your child will be counseled by a trained Firefighter. For an appointment for you and your child please call now. Get your child the help he needs and the peace of mind that you deserve. Call the Fire Prevention Division at 937-8271.



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