



Behaviors of Concern

Circle the answer that best describes your child.

Fire-Setting Behaviors

There are many reasons why children set fires. Sometimes, fires are set out of natural curiosity. But other times it is an indicator that something is troubling the child and professional help may be necessary. Some problems are simple and require a minimal intervention to curtail fire-setting behaviors. Others are more complex and parents will need guidance and support. Listed in the grid are some, but not all, of the common characteristics of the behaviors that are typically associated with children involved in fire-setting other than curiosity.

If you have circled "yes" for any of the questions listed above it does not mean your child is a fire-setter. But it may indicate that your child should be evaluated to modify maladaptive and destructive behaviors. Contact your local fire department or mental health agency for more information.

Yes	No	is impulsive
Yes	No	recent changes in and/or diminishing school grades
Yes	No	argues with peers, siblings, parents, teachers
Yes	No	wets the bed
Yes	No	extreme mood swings
Yes	No	destroys own and others property
Yes	No	overly shy or aggressive in the classroom
Yes	No	has set more than one fire
Yes	No	disobeys adults
Yes	No	defiant
Yes	No	has started stealing
Yes	No	outbursts that seem extreme
Yes	No	finds it hard to form close relationships with others
Yes	No	isolated from friends
Yes	No	runs away from home
Yes	No	chronic misbehavior at school
Yes	No	hangs around with peers who get in trouble
Yes	No	suspected use of cigarettes, alcohol or other drugs
Yes	No	intentionally harms animals, self or others
Yes	No	fascinated with matches, lighters and fire
Yes	No	lies
Yes	No	has become sneaky
Yes	No	started skipping school or frequently tardy
Yes	No	others call your child hyperactive
Yes	No	learning problems at school

