

BE FIRE SMART:

KEEP LIGHTERS & MATCHES AWAY FROM CHILDREN

Many fires and burns each year are the direct result of children playing with lighters and matches, according to State Fire Marshal Stephen K. Woltz. Children under 5 years old playing with lighters cause more than 5,000 residential fires a year, resulting in approximately 150 deaths and more than 1000 injuries in the United States. The majority of the children who start fires by playing with lighters are ages 3 or 4. In 2004, there were 613 Ohio fires caused by children.

Telling your child “don’t play with matches or lighters” isn’t enough, according to Marshal Woltz. He offers the following safety tips:

- Purchase and use child-resistant lighters only.
- Always keep matches and lighters out of reach of children
- Never use a lighter as a source of amusement for children.
- Teach children to tell an adult if they find matches or lighters.

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