

Matches and

Kids are curious, especially when it comes to matches or lighters. This curiosity can lead to fires.

What you need to know:

- Annually, there are 49,000 fires started by children, 43% of these are started by children under the age of six
- Kids, matches, and fires are a serious source of injury and loss in housing
- Children that die from fatal fires usually range in age from four to six
- Often when playing with fire, kids hide with the matches or lighters, such as in a closet

What you need to do:

- Keep fire-starting materials in a safe place, out of reach of young hands
- Share time with your kids discussing the dangers of fire, studies show the education efforts of parents and teachers help reduce the number of fires started by children
- Participate in HAI Group's annual Fire Prevention Week Poster program each October. Contact your property manager for more information

Keep your child safe.



Lighter Safety



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