

7th grade lesson
JFS (Juvenile Fire Setting)
45 minutes - 1 hour class

Materials

“In and instant”	Axe body spray	Lighter
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I. Introductions

II. Watch “In an Instant”

Do not tell them it is gross. Tell the kids these are real kids with real injuries I hope that you would not say oh gross if they came into the room today.

- a. Watch 10 min show
- b. “Were the accidents preventable” Let’s start with the first little boy in red...
- c. Discuss each story and what each child did wrong (why was the accident preventable)
- d. Discuss boy who plays with fire last

III. Legal Implications Playing with Fire

- A. Did you know that you could be made to pay a fine to cover the costs of putting out a fire you started? You could also be responsible if you cause an injury to property or a person.
 1. If you burn a fence from your fire you will have to pay for that fence maybe \$1,000
 2. If that fence catches a house on fire then you would have to pay for that \$300,000
 3. All of the items that were in the house that they lost another \$200,000
- B. Fire is very dangerous—remember that all BIG fires start small
 1. In 2009 a 7 year old boy was playing with fire in his closet and caught his entire house on fire. He burnt himself and his mom. He did not live through his burn injuries.
- C. Many times the person starting the fire gets hurt by accident—because they may be playing with flammable liquids or other materials that can spread fire fast
- D. Everyone in this room is older then 10 right?
- E. In Colorado – you can be charged with ARSON for starting a fire when you are 10 years old or older. Can anyone define arson?
 1. The act of a person knowingly setting fire to buildings or property of another person or of one's own property. This includes the use of explosives (e.g. fireworks) that damage or destroy a property without the consent of the owner.
 2. If your friend was playing with fire could you get into trouble? Yes
 - a. Everyone who is at that fire can get into trouble for being at the start of the fire and not stopping it before.

3. With a felony charge some jobs may not want you or you will not be able to even apply for the job
 - a. military, nurse, firefighter, and police
 - b. Cook at a restaurant, do you want someone cooking with fire at your restaurant
- F. What is the best thing you can do when it comes to matches, lighters, fireworks? Don't use them—without the permission and supervision of an adult.
- G. How many of you have seen someone playing with or have yourself played with fire? We know it happens even with kids as young as 3.
- H. How many people have seen people use these to play with fire? Show the axe body spray.
- I. What should you do if you see another kid playing with matches or lighters? Ask them to stop. If they don't, let an adult know what you saw and get away from them so you will not get in trouble also.

IV. First aid for burns

- a. Cool water never ice
- b. Never any ointments
- c. If your clothes catch on fire STOP, DROP, ROLL

V. We Need Your Help

- a. We need you help. We are seeing “smilies” on the bus and we know that kids are starting fire in your area.
- b. Help you parents to maintain your off road vehicles (dirt bikes, 4 wheelers, go-carts)
- c. Make sure that all gas/flammables are stored properly
- d. Check your pilot lights and what is stored near them with your parents help
- e. Check you smoke alarms and CO detectors