

Safety Awareness and Fire Education - Gloucestershire
Activity Notes - 'Messing with matches - The Fire Starter'

Class	Years 5 and 6
Topic:	Messing with matches
Activity:	2
Over view of activity	The Fire Starter: How do I feel?
<p>Below are different activities to consider how the students think other people may feel about the fire and its consequences. You can ask the students to focus on one or more people.</p>	
Character	Possible emotions
The Fire Starter	<p>Why he lit the fire is not know; this could have been for any number of reasons for example: He was interested to see what would happen, he was upset, he was showing off, he was angry. He is now in trouble with the police, has been injured and will probably be in trouble with his parents, friends and the local community. He may feel regret about what he has done.</p>
The boy's parents	The Fire Starters parents may have been very worried when they heard he was injured and had been arrested. They may also feel angry and disappointed with him.
Friends	If the Fire Starter has damaged something that is important to his friends they maybe very upset and angry with him.
Firefighters	The firefighters had to put themselves at risk (driving to the fire and extinguishing it) because of the Fire Starter. There may have been other people needing their help, which another fire crew would have been sent to instead, taking longer time, putting people in danger. Firefighters do not like people who start deliberate fires.
Ambulance crew	The Fire Starter has been injured through his own actions. Many people need the ambulance service through no fault of their own and the ambulance crew cannot be treating them because they are having to help the Fire Starter. Ambulance crews will always treat anyone who needs their help.
Police Officers	The police officers will have to investigate the fire, question the Fire Starter and have to do lots of paperwork. Police Officers want to keep the community safe and do not like people committing crimes and will want to try to help the Fire Starter so he does not get in trouble again.
Other people needing the emergency services	If the Emergency services are needed then the Control Room will send the nearest crew. If the crew from the nearest station are not available then the crew from the next nearest will be sent. This will take longer and may put lives in danger.
People who use / live near the damaged place	The people living in the local community maybe upset and angry that the fire has happened and damaged their community.