



**FIRE  
EMERGENCY**

NEW ZEALAND

# FIRE AWARENESS INTERVENTION PROGRAMME

## What is our Fire Awareness Intervention Programme?

The programme is designed to educate children and their whānau on how to be safe around fire, the dangers of fire and the consequences of fire. The aim of the programme is to reduce the number of deaths, injuries and damage to property caused by juvenile fire setting. Many young people who are involved in fire-lighting do not realise that New Zealand law treats both intentional and reckless damage by fire as arson.

The programme is delivered by a trained practitioner, and usually in a home setting. It is strictly confidential and voluntary (with the exception of referrals from the police and the courts). The content varies according to the age and maturity of the young person involved and uses education and behaviour modification resources to challenge and correct the negative fire-lighting behaviour.

**Contact us**

**0800 FIRE INFO  
0800 3473 4636  
FAIP@fireandemergency.nz**

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### Client Identified

A young person has been identified as showing fire-lighting behaviours, or have been traumatised by fire. Anyone concerned about a child's fire lighting problem can contact Fire and Emergency. FAIP requires caregivers or parents' consent.

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### Referral

Anyone can make a referral in a number of ways. This can be via calling **0800 Fire Info (0800 3473 4630)**, emailing **FAIP@fireandemergency.nz** or completing the referral form, which can be found on our website below. It's really important when taking details to ensure as much information is gathered as possible.



[fireandemergency.nz/assets/Documents/  
Kids-and-parents/FAIP-Referral-Form.pdf](https://fireandemergency.nz/assets/Documents/Kids-and-parents/FAIP-Referral-Form.pdf)

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### Assigned

The region coordinator will contact a suitable practitioner for the case, based on client's gender, age, ethnicity and circumstances.

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### Contact

The practitioner will contact the parent/ caregiver, within 3 days, and arrange a suitable time to visit to conduct an intervention. Should they require more information the practitioner will make contact with the referrer to seek clarity.

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### Intervention

Most interviews will take place in the young person's home, however, they can take place anywhere suitable - such as schools. Before the intervention a consent form will be signed and the caregiver will stay present during the visit. Resources such as videos and photos may be used during a visit and homework will be set. Also, a home fire safety visit will take place by the practitioner, with the young person being involved as much as possible.

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### Follow up

A follow up visit may take place if the practitioner finds it would be beneficial to the young person, to check on their progress and reiterate the previous safety message.