



**Straight Talk** is a hospital-based program for youths who exhibit high-risk behavior associated with fire play, fire setting and juvenile arson. Since curiosity is a powerful motivation for children, interactive education is a critical component of prevention. Straight Talk is a family-oriented prevention program that takes participants into the hospital to see, firsthand, the consequences of fire related injuries.

This day-long program involves youths, their parent or guardian, medical professionals, injury prevention specialists, local firefighters, and burn survivors. To get a clearer understanding of burn injuries, attendees interact with burn patients. The goal is to modify high-risk behavior and reduce the recurrence rate of adolescent fire experimentation.

#### important statistics

More than 50% of arson fires are started by children under the age of 18

Approximately 4,500 people are killed in the U.S. from fire related injuries each year

U.S. property worth billions of dollars is destroyed annually by arson and accidental fires

Fire experimentation is often the result of unsupervised youth with ready access to lighters and matches

#### referral sources

County courts, schools, fire departments, and police departments, community agencies and parent referrals

#### age range

8 - 17 years old  
(Mandatory participation of a parent or guardian is required.)

#### schedule

For upcoming Straight Talk dates and times call 810.257.9462.

#### contact for more information

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