**Child/Parent Responsibility Contract**

This contract outlines several steps both children and their parents/caregivers can take to prevent firesetting behavior in the home. While increasing fire safety in the home, they may not eliminate all fire risks and are not a substitute for parent/caregiver supervision.

**The Youth** (initial)

\_\_\_\_\_ Shall not have or touch any fire-starting devices. This includes matches, lighters, lit cigarettes, lighter fluid, fireworks, aerosol cans and other flammable liquids.

\_\_\_\_\_ Shall submit to searches by parent/caregiver. This includes the youth’s personal property and immediate area where the youth is located (car, room, school locker, backpack, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Shall complete a fire escape plan for their family and practice it with his/her parent/caregiver.

\_\_\_\_\_ Shall help parent/caregiver complete a home fire safety checklist.

\_\_\_\_\_ Shall tell an adult if they find matches or lighters.

\_\_\_\_\_ Shall not play with friends who engage in any form of fire activity.

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**The Parent** (initial)

\_\_\_\_\_ Shall install and maintain working smoke alarms in every room of the home including garages and sheds. A working class (2A-10BC) fire extinguisher shall be accessible to every level of the home and garage.

\_\_\_\_\_ Shall secure all combustibles and all matches, lighters, flammable liquids, fireworks and other sources of ignition in an area where the youth does not have access, preferably in a locked cabinet.

\_\_\_\_\_ Shall use only a child-resistant lighter if a smoker and keep it on their person at all times.

\_\_\_\_\_ Shall conduct routine searches of the youth’s room and possessions for matches and lighters.

\_\_\_\_\_ Shall monitor the youth’s access to the internet for information that can assist them in modifying fireworks or manufacturing destructive devices.

\_\_\_\_\_ Shall give permission to other children in the home to tell on someone who misuses fire.

\_\_\_\_\_ Shall increase supervision of the youth. Youth should not be left alone or unsupervised in other youth’s homes where ignition materials may be readily available.

\_\_\_\_\_ Shall set firm rules that any child in the house should not touch matches, lighters, the stove, barbecue lighters, flares, fireworks or any other object that could potentially start a fire.

\_\_\_\_\_ Inform children of the fire safety rules and consequences of breaking them. Discuss the rules and consequences with your child to check for understanding.

\_\_\_\_\_ Shall not display any candles, incense lamps or other fire related items in the home regardless of their use.

\_\_\_\_\_ Shall complete a home fire safety checklist.

\_\_\_\_\_ Shall forbid youth from watching shows or videos with provocative fire themes.

\_\_\_\_\_ Shall lock up all flammable chemicals such as turpentine, gasoline, lighter fluid or charcoal starter for barbecues.

\_\_\_\_\_ Shall remove closet doors to avoid a hiding place.

\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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