

# FIRE ALERT: Dangerous Trend



## Widely available personal care products are part of a dangerous new fire trend.

Learned from online videos, youth are misusing fire like never before. Mix in other flammable materials along with a dare, and the resulting fires are often dangerous, damaging and deadly. With little regard towards fire safety, youth are misusing fire in schools, homes and in the community.

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## Safety Tips:

Adults need to be aware youth are misusing fire by performing what they call, "fire tricks." Too often, youth think 'messing around' with fire is fun and easy to control. Adults should:

- ✓ Monitor internet sites youth frequent that show how to perform "fire tricks" or make explosives.
- ✓ Be aware that youth are using hand sanitizer, aerosol deodorants, hair spray and bug spray to perform "fire tricks."
- ✓ Check for matches, lighters, alcohol-based products and fireworks if a youth is fascinated with fire.
- ✓ Teach youth that gasoline produces a colorless vapor that can ignite or explode and cause serious burn injuries.
- ✓ Teach youth they can be cited for arson or reckless burning if they start a fire that gets out of control.

## Parents/Caregivers:

Can be held financially responsible for property damage and injuries resulting from a youth-set fire.

Be aware that a youth can face mandatory sentencing if convicted of an arson.



A message from the Office of State Fire Marshal, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, and Special Districts Association of Oregon.