

JUVENILE AND FAMILY FIRE AWARENESS PROGRAM

Helping children & families
to develop fire safe skills

Information for service
providers and agencies

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What is JAFFA?

- The Juvenile and Family Fire Awareness (JAFFA) Program is a fire safety program designed for young people aged 6 to 16 years who have been involved in fire lighting.
- The program is offered to families across Western Australia.
- JAFFA is suitable for young people who have been motivated to play with fire out of curiosity or as a result of peer pressure.
- JAFFA is delivered by career and volunteer firefighters trained in this program.
- JAFFA is delivered in the young person's home. A visit can also be arranged at the young person's school or at another location of the family's choice. JAFFA is not offered from fire stations.

JAFFA is not appropriate:

- For young people aged under 6 years. DFES recommends parents/caregivers read their child Aaron's Promise – a children's book that illustrates the dangers of playing with fire. The book is available online at dfes.wa.gov.au/jaffa or can be ordered by sending an email to jaffa@dfes.wa.gov.au.
- For young people aged 17 years or older.
- Where fire setting is persistent, malicious or part of a pattern of antisocial or criminal behaviour.
- Where fire setting is related to psychopathology.
- Where professional intervention by psychologists or therapists is required. Firefighters are not trained to work with young people with complex mental health or behavioural issues.

Referring a young person to JAFFA

- Service providers and other agencies may refer a young person to the JAFFA Program by completing an Agency Referral Form available at dfes.wa.gov.au/jaffa. Please email this form to jaffa@dfes.wa.gov.au.
- We recommend asking the parent/guardian to refer their child where possible. The program requires the support of the parent/guardian to be successful. Their willingness to make contact and arrange for a visit is an indicator of how motivated they are to support the program and manage their child's fire lighting behaviour. The Parent Referral Form is available at dfes.wa.gov.au/jaffa, or by emailing jaffa@dfes.wa.gov.au. Parents are also welcome to call 9395 9488 to provide details over the phone.
- Referrals from the Youth Justice Service must be made using a specific form that is available by emailing jaffa@dfes.wa.gov.au.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please phone the JAFFA Program Coordinator on **9395 9488** or email jaffa@dfes.wa.gov.au



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