

Important Tips for Using Fire Safety

Safe Storage

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Lighters and matches are convenient, and often necessary, tools in our homes. But in the wrong hands, they can be very dangerous. Remember the three most important words when it comes to lighters and matches: Put It Away!

Whether the children in your home are your own children, your grandchildren, or visitors, keeping lighters and matches out of sight and reach is critical. Most children who play with lighters or matches simply take advantage of them being left out and easily accessible.



Store It Safely:

- Collect all matches and lighters and put them in one secure place.
- Choose a storage space high enough to be out of the reach of children, such as an upper cabinet.
- Locking them away is the safest measure, but it may not be practical for most families.
- Work hard to develop the habit of always putting matches and lighters back in their proper storage place after each use. A great way to do this is to enlist your children's help by teaching them to "tell a grown-up" if they find lighters or matches lying around, in addition to being taught "not to touch." Praise children when they follow these rules and remind you to put matches and lighters away!
- If family or friends bring lighters or matches into your home, even if they are stored in their pockets or purses, make sure to remind them to keep the tools out of sight and out of reach of the young children in your home.

For maximum safety, use only lighters with a child-resistant mechanism. Look for BIC® Lighters as a brand you can trust. Every BIC® lighter sold in the US and Canada has a child-resistant mechanism and has passed more than 50 individual quality and safety inspections, meeting or exceeding the lighter safety standards established by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), and other government agencies. While no lighter is child-proof, the child-resistant mechanism makes it much more difficult for children to light them and adds a critical margin of safety.