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# MAKING *Safe* AND *Responsible* CHOICES

## Fire Survey: (Slides 4-10)

1. How many fires do you think youth set through play from 2014–2018?

**D: 30,460**

2. Which age group do you think causes the most fires?

**C: 11–17 years old**

3. How much money do you think was spent fixing the fire damage caused by youth in 2014–2018?

**B: \$205,000,000**

4. Which type of fire do you think happened most often?

**B: Unclassified / Outside Fires**

## Risky Behavior: (Slides 11-26)

These answers are provided by NFPA, but answers are not limited to these

5. What are some fire related behaviors that you believe are risky?

- Fireworks
- Vacant structure fires
- Homemade makeshift bombs
- Brush fires
- Dumpster fires
- Leaving cooking unattended
- Bonfires
- Smoking
- Playing with matches.

6. Why do you think some youth engage in risky fire behavior?

- The fun and thrill of the activity
- Depression
- Malicious intent
- Social status
- Boredom
- Curiosity
- Peer pressure
- Revenge
- Rejection from peers and family
- Outburst of anger

7. What actions can you take to **avoid** risky behavior?

- Walking away
- Talking your peers out of making a bad choice involving risky behavior
- Not giving in to peer pressure
- Finding alternative ways to experience the positive consequence
- Reporting the incident to an adult

## Situational Awareness: (Slides 28-33)

8. Which actions would you consider safe?

Watching fireworks, lighting a candle, using the fireplace are considered safe choices

9. Situation: You and the Anderson twins are hanging out after school. The Anderson twins tell you how they plan to take several bags of trash to Mr. Becker's house and dump it in the driveway. They then describe how they want to light the trash on fire and leave. What should you do?

Both B and D are appropriate responses

10. Situation: You are with a group of friends, one of them thinks it would be fun to call 911 to report a prank house fire. What should you do?

A, B, and C are appropriate responses

11. Situation: Your friend Nick tells you that he is really upset and angry with Andy. He describes how he plans to light the dumpster behind Andy's house on fire. Nick doesn't want to hurt anyone, but he wants to scare him. What should you do?

A, B, D are appropriate responses

## Article: (Slide 34)

12. Write a 3–5 sentence summary of the article (Hint: Who, What, When, Where, Why).

**Example Summary:** Three teenagers face charges after allegedly setting the historic Gault Middle School on fire and filming it. The fire was allegedly started by a 15 year old boy that caused significant structure damage to the building. For example, several portions of the roof had collapsed and crews later had to use excavators to knock down a portion of the building's facade. Police arrested the three teens after getting an anonymous tip and reviewing the video for evidence. The boy accused of starting the fire was allegedly wearing shoes and a backpack that matched those shown in the video. Both the boy and the girl, who filmed the video, were charged with first-degree arson and second-degree burglary while no charges were filed against the third teen.

13. Based on what you read in this article, what are 3 explanations as to why the boy engaged in risky fire behavior?

- Rejection and disconnection from his family
- Social status
- The fun and thrill of the activity

14. Teenagers are fascinated with fire. Use evidence from the text to support this claim (meaning: use facts, examples, or quotes from the text to support your point).

- There were at least three people under the age of 18 inside the school when the fire started.
- The alleged 15 year old boy not only lit the fire, but piled on flammable materials on it.
- The girlfriend recorded video.

15. Do you think the punishment suggested for the teens is appropriate? Why or why not?

**Not appropriate:**

- Maximum penalty they could face is being sentence to remain in the state's custody until they turn 21, but the judge agreed to release him to an electronic home monitoring system since it was his first offense
- Fire had significant structure damage to the entire school
- Fire department couldn't send firefighters into the building because the damage was so severe it was considered too unsafe.
- The fire also spread to a secondary structure on the property.
- Put others in danger

**Appropriate:**

- It was their first referral to the court system
- No injuries were reported
- The school district already had a permit to demolish the building
- The defendents were only 15 years old

16. How did the video and the anonymous tips help the police solve this case ?

- Provided the police with clues that they were able to use to identify the suspects
- The video supplied them with information about how the fire started as well as how many people were involved.
- The anonymous tip gave investigators a direction of where they may be able to find the people involved.
- Tips from the boy's mother and the school security staff confirmed the individuals identities.