

**JUVENILE FIRESETTER FAMILY RISK SURVEY**      **Date Survey Conducted:** \_\_\_\_\_

This Family Risk Survey is designed to be given to parents who have concerns about their child's fire play or firesetting behavior or whose child has set a fire which has come to the attention of a fire department, police agency or other community agencies. The Family Risk Survey is intended for use only as a preliminary screening tool and should be used with the Child Risk Survey to assess the child's suitability for fire intervention education or mental health referral.

The Family Risk Survey may be administered to parents over the phone or in person. The Child Risk Survey should be administered to the child in person and separate from their parents only after the parents or guardians have provided written informed consent for the child's participation in the survey.

Prior to administering the Family Risk Survey, please provide the following incident and demographic information.

**I.** Incident #: \_\_\_\_\_ Incident Date: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_ Incident Location: \_\_\_\_\_ CR #: \_\_\_\_\_

Incident Description: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**II.** Child's Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_ D.O.B. \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

Child's Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School Child Attends: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_

**III.** Name of Parent/Guardian providing information: \_\_\_\_\_

Address if different from Child's: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**IV.** Referral Source if **not** a fire call (Name/Agency): \_\_\_\_\_

Agency's Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**V.** Interviewer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Interviewer's Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Interviewer's notes and/or comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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To administer: Ask the question as written, check the response, place the appropriate constant weight in the score column, and add the scores to determine the Total Family Risk Score. Please substitute the child's name in questions 1-5.

Questions *	Constant	Score
1. If you had to describe (child's name) curiosity about fire, would you say it was absent, mild, moderate, or extreme?		
absent                    _____	0	_____
mild                     _____	99	_____
moderate                _____	198	_____
extreme                 _____	297	_____
2. Has (child's name) been diagnosed with any impulse control conditions, such as Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) or Attention Deficit Disorder with Hyperactivity (ADHD)?		
yes                      _____ (Diagnosis)	28	_____
no                        _____	0	_____
3. Has (child's name) been in trouble outside of school for non-fire related behavior?		
yes                      _____ (What?)	90	_____
no                        _____	0	_____
4. Has (child's name) ever stolen or shoplifted?		
yes                      _____	14	_____
no                        _____	0	_____
dk/na                  _____	0	_____
5. Has (child's name) ever beat up or hurt others?		
yes                      _____	14	_____
no                        _____	0	_____
dk/na                  _____	0	_____
6. Besides this fireplay or firesetting incident, how many other times has your child played with fire, including matches or lighters, or set something on fire?		
1 (current)            _____	84	_____
2 (current + 1)        _____	168	_____
4 (current + 2-4)     _____	336	_____
6 (current + 5)        _____	504	_____
7. Is there an impulsive (sudden urge) quality to your child's firesetting or fire play?		
yes                      _____	71	_____
no                        _____	0	_____
dk/na                  _____	0	_____

TOTAL FAMILY RISK SCORE \_\_\_\_\_

Question (8) is for informational purposes and does not score.

8. *Is there a history of emotional, physical, or sexual abuse in the family?* Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Who \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Currently in the home \_\_\_\_\_

*If there are indications of abuse or neglect, consult with social services or law enforcement immediately*

- A. **The Cut Off Score For Mental Health Referral For The Family Risk Survey Is 457 or Above.** If either the Family Risk Survey is equal to or greater than 457 and/or the Child Risk Survey is equal to or greater than 540, the child should be referred to a mental health professional.
- B. If either the Family Risk Score is equal to or greater than 429, but less than 457 and/or the Child Risk Score is equal to or greater 511, but less than 540 consider conducting the comprehensive firesetter risk assessments for both the child and the parents or refer to a mental health professional.
- C. **AN INTERVENTION EDUCATION PROGRAM** is appropriate if the Family Risk Score is less than 429 and/or the Child Risk Score is less than 511.

\* Original questions appear in Fineman, (1996), *Comprehensive Fire Risk Assessment*, Published in the Colorado Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Program: Training Seminar Vol. I, (1997).