

ARSON PREVENTION

The State Fire Marshal needs your help in spotting and reporting arson.



WHAT IS ARSON?

Arson is the intentional setting of fire to property. It is often motivated by crime concealment, excitement, extremism, for profit, revenge, and vandalism. You can spot the signs of arson by knowing what to look for.



HOW TO SPOT ARSON

Crime Concealment

Fires set for the purpose of covering up or eliminating evidence.

Examples include:

- Covering up murder or burglary evidence left at a crime scene
- Destruction of business records to conceal cases of embezzlement
- Auto theft arson where the fire is set to destroy vehicular evidence

Excitement

Fires motivated by excitement includes seekers of thrills, attention and recognition.

- Targets include trash cans, dumpsters, vacant houses and occupied structures

Extremism

Fires set to further social, political or religious causes.

- Targets include abortion clinics, animal laboratories, churches, etc.

For Profit

Fires where offenders expect to profit from their fire-setting, either directly for monetary gain, or more indirectly, to profit from a goal other than money.

- Examples include insurance fraud by liquidating property, dissolving businesses, destroying inventory, parcel clearance, or to gain employment
- Targets range from personal property to commercial buildings to people

Revenge

Fires set in retaliation for some injustice, real or imagined, perceived by the offender.

- Targets include vehicles, residential structures and property

Vandalism

Malicious or mischievous fire-setting that results in damage to property.

- Targets include schools and educational facilities and property



HOW TO REPORT ARSON

Call the hotline at **844-NV ARSON** (682-7766). For an emergency, dial 911.



KNOW THE LAW

Arson is a felony punishable by up to 15 years in prison, and a fine of up to \$15,000.