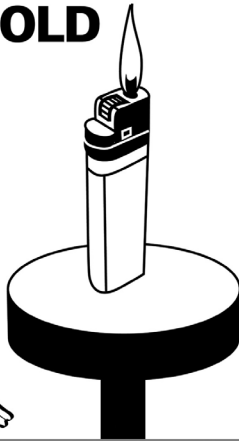


**WHERE DOES  
A 3 YEAR OLD  
FIND A  
LIGHTER?**



**Very often, it's on the kitchen  
table!**

**If you smoke, have only one  
lighter or book of matches.  
Keep it with you at all times.**

## **The Facts About Matches & Lighters**

### **In the Hands of Children...**



**...matches and lighters can be deadly  
weapons.**

**Keep all fire starting materials out of the  
sight and reach of children.**

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## Key Messages:

- ✓ In the hands of children, matches and lighters can be deadly.
- ✓ Keep all matches and lighters out of the sight and reach of children.
- ✓ If you smoke, have only one lighter and keep it with you at all times.
- ✓ Teach young children not to touch matches or lighters. They should tell an adult if they find them.
- ✓ Teach older children that if they find matches or lighters, they should take them to an adult.
- ✓ Using fire is an adult responsibility that is *learned and earned*.
- ✓ If parents suspect their child is involved in inappropriate fireplay, they can call their local fire department for information and assistance.



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**Fact**

**Every year in Ontario, children are injured or die in fires they start themselves.**

