



ARSON PREVENTION

Did you know?

- 75% of school fires occur on weekends
- Over 50% of all fires are set by children under the age of 18 (Although parents are vicariously liable for the acts of their children and can be required to repay the District as much as \$35,000 per child, per date Northern California ReLiEF has received zero recovery for arson claims)
- 76% of school structure fires are caused by arson

Typically, fires are started in bathroom trashcans, exterior trashcans placed close to buildings with the medium of choice being dumpsters.



Reduce the opportunities & scope of potential damage:

- Arsonist seldom bring combustible items with them, tending to use what is available on site.
- Reduce combustible access and storage levels whenever possible.
- Ensure that doors and windows are secure and locked.
- Refuse containers, including recycling bins, should be placed in a secure compound or secured by a padlock and chain to a post sited no less than 20 feet from the building to prevent them being moved against the building.

