

**INCIDENT INVESTIGATION ASSIGNMENT INSTRUCTIONS**

**Multi-Purpose Lighters**

**DOCUMENT NUMBER:**

**DATE OF INCIDENT:**

**CATID: CARM11 2020**

**FOLLOW-UP REQUESTED**

**HAZARD ANALYSIS  COMPLIANCE**

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**BACK-UP CONTACT:**

**ASSIGNMENT MESSAGE:**

For any residential fires reported to be caused by a child playing with a multi-purpose lighter, first call the fire department official(s) who investigated the cause of the fire. Determine the age of the child who allegedly started the fire and whether the lighter involved was recovered after the fire.

For convenience, all of these items are listed on the Data Record Sheet attached to the guideline. A narrative is not required for this investigation.

If the lighter was destroyed in the fire and cannot be positively identified by type of lighter, brand name, or store where purchased, submit an abbreviated investigation with the above information documented. If the child who started the fire was 5 years of age or older at the time of the incident, submit an abbreviated report documenting any identifying information for the lighter available in the official reports. If the fire starter was under the age of 5 years, and the lighter is available for collection or for photographing, conduct an on-site investigation.

Collect the lighter if at all possible, otherwise determine the model and manufacturer's name, steps required for operation (activation of switches, triggers, buttons, etc.), and get close-up photographs of the lighter ignition mechanism(s) if it was recovered. Be especially alert to incidents involving child-resistant lighters in which the CR mechanism was removed or otherwise defeated. In these situations, determine who removed or defeated the mechanism and if it was purchased without a CR mechanism in place, identify the retailer who sold the lighter.

**Please include all primary and all backup contacts in the distribution of the completed IDI.**

----- Area below will be completed in Data Systems -----

**Person(s) to Contact:**

**Guidelines: Appendix 45 – Child Play Lighter Fires**

**Task Number:**

**Date:**

**Assigned to:**

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