



Jersey Fire & Rescue

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Children & Young People Strategy 2009-2012

States
of Jersey

Our Vision

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- To prevent children and young people becoming involved in fire crime and anti-social behaviour



Introduction

Jersey Fire and Rescue recognises that the States of Jersey's aim of 'working together to meet the needs of the community' set out in the latest Strategic Plan, is essential to the future of the Island.

This strategy outlines our commitment to work with other agencies to improve the lives of children and young people by engaging them in positive Fire and Rescue Service experiences. We shall deliver intervention, engagement and education services to children and young people and their families to help ensure that they are healthy, stay safe, enjoy and achieve, make a positive contribution to society and achieve economic well being.

Our vision is:

- To prevent children and young people being harmed or killed in accidental fires or causing fires through ignorance or carelessness.
- To prevent children and young people becoming involved in fire crime and associated anti-social behaviour.

To achieve this vision we will aim to:

1. Engage actively with children and young people and their families.
2. Prevent and reduce fire crime and firesetting by children and young people.
3. Divert children and young people from fire crime and associated antisocial behaviour.
4. Educate children and young people and their families in fire safety skills and responsible citizenship.
5. Ensure that Fire and Rescue Service staff working with children and young people, are effective and professional.
6. Identify and disseminate good practice in working with children and young people.



Aim 1

Engage actively with children and young people

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Jersey Fire and Rescue recognises the value of listening to young people.

Methods:

1. To treat all children and young people with understanding and respect.
2. To develop participation by children and young people, with a focus on those most at risk or most in need.
3. To promote equality and diversity in participation.
4. To involve children and young people in the design, delivery and evaluation of programmes for children and young people.
5. To involve children and young people in developing policy and practice on prevention of accidental fires, fire crime and associated anti-social behaviour.
6. To commit to making changes as a result of the involvement of children and young people.
7. To recognise the contribution of children and young people through an annual award.



Aim 2

Prevent and reduce fire crime and fire setting

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Prevent and reduce fire crime and fire-setting by children and young people

Jersey Fire and Rescue recognises that early multi-agency intervention is the key to preventing repeat offences and breaking dangerous patterns of behaviour.

Methods:

1. To work with families, carers, and partner agencies, to deliver fire-setter programmes and other interventions for children and young people who are becoming involved in fire crime or fire-setting,
2. To work with partner agencies to identify at the earliest opportunity, those children and young people who are becoming involved in fire crime and fire-setting.
3. To ensure that interventions are tailored to the age, ethnicity, abilities and gender of children and young people identified.
4. To work with partner agencies to establish information sharing arrangements that support effective inter-agency working, ensure confidentiality and meet legal requirements.
5. To work with partner agencies to target Jersey Fire and Rescue expertise and resources on those children and young people for whom they are most effective, and ensure that others are referred to the most appropriate agency.
6. To increase awareness and understanding of the work of Jersey Fire and Rescue with children and young people, particularly among partner agencies.



Aim 3

Divert children and young people from fire crime
and anti-social behaviour

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Divert children and young people from fire crime and associated anti-social behaviour

Jersey Fire and Rescue can offer young people at risk help with developing life skills and setting a path to a successful future.

Methods:

1. To work with parents, carers, the Youth Service's Prince's Trust Team, Prison! Me! No Way!! and other partners, to offer youth training and other initiatives which improve life skills and divert young people from fire crime and associated anti-social behaviour.
2. To participate in the work of Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships, Youth Offending Service, Building a Safer Society (BASS) and other initiatives to tackle youth crime and associated anti-social behaviour.
3. To work with partner agencies to identify at the earliest opportunity, those young people who are at risk of becoming involved in fire crime and associated anti social behaviour.
4. To ensure that interventions are tailored to the age, ethnicity, abilities and gender of children and young people identified.
5. To work with partner agencies to bring together information sharing arrangements that support effective inter-agency working, ensure confidentiality and meet legal requirements.
6. To work with parents, carers, schools, colleges and other agencies to include fire safety awareness and skills as part of an integrated approach to risk education.
7. To work with partner agencies to target Jersey Fire and Rescue expertise and resources on those children and young people for whom they are most effective, and ensure that others are referred to the most appropriate agency.
8. To increase awareness and understanding of the work of Jersey Fire and Rescue with children and young people, particularly among partner agencies.



Aim 4

Educate children and young people in fire safety skills and responsible citizenship

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Jersey Fire and Rescue recognises that prevention is the best protection for children, their families and communities.

Methods:

1. To work with parents, carers, schools, colleges, Child Accident Prevention Jersey and other partners to educate children and young people about the risks of fire and fire safety and to develop lifelong fire safe behaviour.
2. To work with parents, carers, Sure Start and other partners to protect children from death and injury from fire, especially those of pre-school age.
3. To work with parents, carers, schools, colleges and other partners to educate children and young people about the consequences of fire crime and associated anti-social behaviour and develop safe and responsible citizenship.
4. To ensure that interventions are tailored to the age, ethnicity, abilities and gender of children and young people identified.
5. To work with parents, carers, schools, colleges and other partner agencies to include fire safety awareness and skills as a part of an integrated approach to risk education.
6. To deliver a wide range of cross-curricular resources for Foundation and Key Stages 1-4 linked to the National Curriculum, especially the teaching of risk concepts, Citizenship and PSHE (Personal Social & Health Education).
7. To increase awareness and understanding of the work of Jersey Fire and Rescue with children and young people, particularly among partner agencies.
8. To develop children and young people as co-workers or volunteers in promoting fire safety in families and communities.



Aim 5

Ensure that we are effective and professional

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Ensure that Fire and Rescue Service staff working with children and young people, are effective and professional

Jersey Fire and Rescue recognises the need for specialist skills to work effectively with children and young people.

Methods:

1. To establish work with children and young people as a mainstream activity for the Service, which may be undertaken by staff with the appropriate skills and training, including retained and non-operational staff.
2. To ensure that all staff understand how to work with children and young people they may encounter when working with the public and are aware of Jersey Fire and Rescue's Child Protection Policy.
3. To ensure that staff that work with children and young people meet all requirements for child protection, including a Criminal Records Disclosure check and assessment for suitability.
4. To ensure that staff that work with children and young people have the skills and training to promote diversity and equality in design, delivery and evaluation.
5. To identify and meet the specific training needs of staff that work with children and young people.
6. To ensure that training provided for work with children and young people is high quality.
7. To examine how best to recognise and reward work with children and young people appropriately.



Aim 6

Share good practice

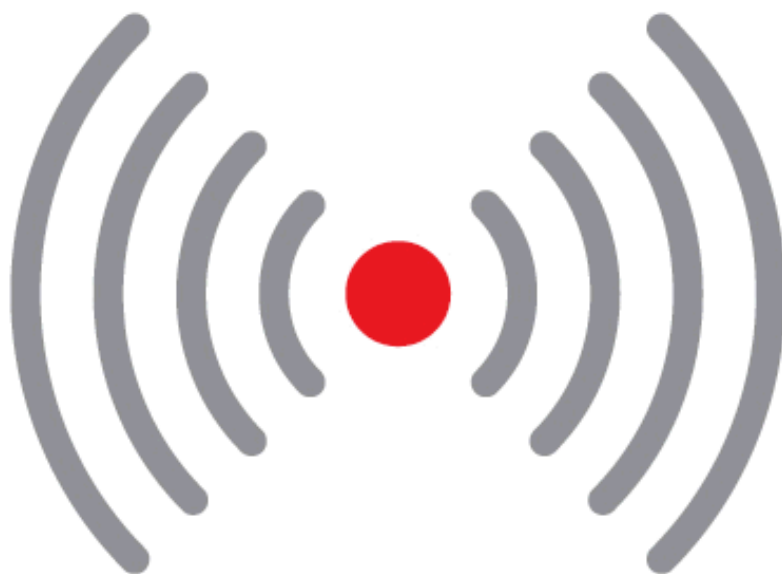
Aim 6

Identify and disseminate good practice in working with children and young people

Jersey Fire and Rescue recognises the need for policy and practice to be supported by research into what works, and effective dissemination of the results.

Methods:

1. As a basis for developing good practice, to improve understanding of fire crime and firesetting by children and young people, and of accidental fires in which children and young people are involved.
2. To identify good practice in the development of local strategies, including needs assessment, targeting and working with partners.
3. To identify and disseminate good practice in the design, delivery, monitoring and evaluation of work with children and young people by Jersey Fire and Rescue.
4. To identify and disseminate good practice on equality and diversity in work with children and young people.
5. To encourage innovation and creativity in working with children and young people, while building on existing good practice in the Fire and Rescue Service and elsewhere.
6. To disseminate good practice effectively to national Fire and Rescue Services and partner agencies, using existing networks and groups where possible.
7. To increase awareness and understanding of the work of Jersey Fire and Rescue with children and young people, particularly among partner agencies.
8. To recognise good practice and effective innovation through an annual award for excellence in working with children and young people.



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