

We can help make sure it isn't



Arson Combated Together (ACT) is a programme developed by Zurich to help schools tackle the growing problem of arson. As part of this, a Teacher's Pack has been produced to enable teachers to run a theatre project – Theatre in Education (TIE). This aims to educate pupils about the problem of arson through drama and Citizenship classes.

The Teacher's Pack has been created by Zurich, together with the Fire & Rescue Services and other arson related organisations. It details activities that explore peer pressure; relationships; consequences and responsibility; being 'risk aware'; and how to be a good citizen, all of which form part of the Citizenship curriculum.

- Risk assessments; is your school at risk of arson – a checklist to keeping your school safe.
- Additional information; useful contacts, school safety and what to do in the event of a fire – is your school prepared?
- Resource material; worksheets and material to help you bring the work to life.



The pack encourages students to take part in this engaging subject, highlighting the effects on a community after its school is burned down by arsonists. Giving the problem a dramatic context in this way, makes the dangers of arson more real for students.

ACT before it's too late

Arson attacks against schools are a growing problem:

The Teacher's Pack includes:

- Background information; helping you to identify what arson is, the wider problem of arson and how to spot a potential arsonist.
- Playscript and notes; full script and notes to enable you to put on the play.
- Activities; ideas on ways of developing the programme with guidance on expansion through newspaper articles, diaries, character development, essay writing, group debate and more.

- 3 schools suffer arson attacks every day
- around three quarters of major fires in schools are thought to be caused by arsonists
- 90,000 – 100,000 students are affected by arson each year
- school fires cost an estimated £74 million in 2006.

“Our research shows that after completing an ACT workshop, pupils show a clear change of attitude and accept that they're responsible for helping prevent arson.”

Larry Stokes

Zurich Municipal – Underwriting Manager

For further information and to download the complete Teacher's Pack for FREE, simply visit:

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