

CLINICAL ASSESSMENT ADDENDUM – FIRESETTING

INSTRUCTIONS: Check as many as apply in each category.

Firesetting History and Behaviors

- Curiosity leading to accidental fires. "Playing with matches"
- Sets fires as a gesture of displeasure with a chaotic and disruptive home environment. Child using fire as "crying for help" to show his inability to cope with sudden change in life or recent trauma
- Sets fires as form of juvenile delinquency. "Delinquent firesetter" sets fires to impress peers, out of boredom, defiance or peer pressure
- Sets fires with increasing frequency and ritual
- Other _____

Incident Location/Time of Day

- Fires set in areas easily detected by adults
- Outside (front or back yards or open field adjoining house)
- Inside (closet, under a bed, bathroom, garage, tool shed, basement)
- Later in day, some distance from home, at school or on the way home from school, abandoned buildings, shacks, cars, open fields
- Other _____

Associated Factors

- Attraction to or interest in fire or fire-related activities (e.g. fireworks, fire fighting equipment)
- Playing with matches
- Severely disturbed family environment (e.g. Physically abusive parent, clinically significant lack of appropriate parental limit-setting)
- Client is a victim of sexual abuse
- Poor academic performance in spite of average or higher intelligence
- Frequently truant from school
- Difficulty establishing and maintaining relationships
- More likely to play alone than with peers
- Engages in less social activities than would be expected for age/developmental level
- Recent (past 12 months) divorce or remarriage of parents
- Recent (past 12 months) death of relative
- Recent (past 12 months) birth of sibling
- Diagnosed learning problems
- Diagnosed Conduct Disorder
- Diagnosed ADHD
- Other _____

Signature _____ Date _____ Printed Name _____

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