

2.351 ARSON

- A. Preliminary investigation duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to:
1. Making preliminary observations for the cause of fires – arson, malicious burning, accidental, etc.;
 2. Making on-scene arrests, if possible;
 3. Ensuring notifications are made consistent with **2.424 Notifications**;
 4. Locating witnesses and/or property owners;
 5. Assisting responding fire and investigations officials; and
 6. Preserving evidence.
- B. The MSP Office of the State Fire Marshal is the lead agency for fire and arson investigations on campus.
- C. Probable indicators of arson include, but are not limited to:
1. Multiple fires, such as fires in different rooms or on different stories;
 2. Fire patterns or “trailers” from fuels such as gasoline;
 3. Evidence of accelerants;
 4. Suspicious fuel loads or potential ignition sources that are inconsistent with the area of origin; for example, deliberately stacked furniture or contents in an unusual configuration;
 5. Incendiary devices;
 6. Unusual or excessive fire growth and fire damage;
 7. Removal or replacement of personal items / contents prior to fire; and
 8. Interference with fire suppression such as sabotaged sprinkler systems or blocked entry.
- D. See also **2.358 Fires**.

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