

# PUBLIC SAFETY UNIT ANNOUNCEMENT

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Please run at your discretion until the end of grass Fire season

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#### **Starting Grass Fires is Arson**

(Kahnawake – 24, Onerahtókha/April 2017) The Public Safety Unit of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke, in conjunction with the Kahnawake Fire Brigade and Kahnawake Peacekeepers, would like to remind all community members about the dangers of setting grass fires.

Contrary to popular belief, burning the grass **does not result in making the grass greener or grow quicker**. In fact, it increases the possibility that the fire could become uncontrollable and do more damage to property. Even worse, emergency workers could be injured while responding to a very preventable situation, tying up community resources unnecessarily.

If someone is seen starting fires, please **contact the Peacekeepers at (450) 632-6505**. **Starting grass fires is arson and arson is a crime**. Any damage to property is the responsibility of the arsonist.

For more information on grass fires contact the Kahnawake Fire Brigade at (450) 632-2010 or the Public Safety Unit at (450) 632-0635.