

Child playing with matches is cause of Phillipsburg fire, police report

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Flames shoot from the blaze at 67-69 Rose St. in Phillipsburg.

A child playing with matches at 67 Rose St. in Phillipsburg ignited the fire Tuesday that destroyed both sides of a duplex at 67-69 Rose St., town police announced this morning.

No one was hurt in the fire but two families were forced from their homes. **Police said it appears an artificial tree was ignited as the child played with the matches.**

Read earlier accounts of the fire: Six people displaced by fire in Phillipsburg duplex and Phillipsburg residents displaced after blaze at 67-69 Rose St.