Arson

It is when someone deliberately sets fire to someone else's property to damage it or to injure people

[Who might experience arson?](https://www.victimsupport.org.uk/crime-info/types-crime/arson/#aa68ff9bef2677814)

Arson can affect anyone, as criminals may target any property to damage.

Unused, derelict, isolated or unoccupied buildings may be at a higher risk of arson (as it’s less likely someone will be around to notice a fire and report it).

Criminals who commit arson may do so for many reasons, including:

* vandalism, where property may be damaged for fun, excitement or due to boredom
* revenge, where the criminal often knows the property owner and causes damage due to jealousy, hate, arguments, or real or imagined wrongs or slights
* hate, for example setting fire to places of worship
* insurance claims, when arson may be committed by the property owner in an attempt to claim the insurance money on their destroyed buildings and/or contents.