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### Fire sends three people to hospital

By JOHN RICHMEIER, Times Staff Writer  
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A fire Sunday at a Leavenworth apartment was believed to have been caused by a child playing with a lighter, according to a Fire Department spokesman.

A baby-sitter and two children went to the hospital, but they were said to be OK.

The fire was reported shortly before 3 p.m. Sunday at 51 St. Mary's St., according to Capt. Shawn Kell, Leavenworth Fire Department.

Kell said he believes **a decorative artificial tree in the apartment caught fire. The fire spread to a sofa. A hanging wicker basket also was burned.**

Firefighters extinguished the flames and moved the sofa outside the apartment.

The fire caused an estimated \$12,500 worth of damage to the apartment and its contents, Kell said.

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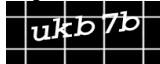
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