



In Case of Fire

Do not even entertain the idea of writing a letter to inform the fire brigade.

Do not attempt to extinguish a fire however small with body fluids - saliva, perspiration or pee.

You would only hurt yourself.

If, however, you were brought up in a home where the expression of feelings was frowned on you may have a backlog of tears, even tears of laughter or joy. These can be effective in quenching quite large conflagrations.

Charles Johnson

This poem was commissioned by the poet David Hart on behalf of the Arts Council. It is part of a collection of fifty poems by different UK poets - each on the subject of waiting. The poems are for display in waiting rooms.