

Smoking and Home Fires



Every year, almost 1,000 smokers and non-smokers are killed in home fires caused by cigarettes and other smoking materials. The U.S. Fire Administration is working to help prevent home fire deaths and injuries caused by smoking materials. Fires caused by cigarettes and other smoking materials are preventable.

Home Fires Started by Smoking Materials

- According to NFPA, in 2011, smoking materials started 17,600 home structure fires.
- These fires resulted in:
 - 490 deaths
 - 1,370 injuries
 - \$516 million in direct property damage



What can you do?

- If you smoke, go outside to smoke.
- When smoking, make sure to use deep and sturdy ashtrays.
- Be sure cigarettes and ashes are put out completely.
- Check for butts.
- NEVER smoke in a home where oxygen is used.
- Improper use of cigarettes can lead to fires. Always stay alert.
- It helps to have dual-sensor smoke alarms placed inside and outside sleeping areas in a home.
- If possible, have residential fire sprinklers installed into your home.



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