

**FIRE
WARNING**

**CIGARETTES CAN KILL YOU IN
MORE WAYS THAN ONE.**



While we all know about the health effects of smoking, smokers' carelessness is the cause of many fire-related injuries and fatalities.



**HOME FIRE
SAFETY**

IS UP TO YOU!

Cigarettes and Fire

Studies show that many fires caused by cigarettes are not the result of simple carelessness, but of smokers who are impaired by alcohol, fatigue, or drugs – either illegal or prescription. Unlike pipes and cigars, commercially produced cigarettes are designed to continue burning ... regardless of whether they've been dropped onto furniture or if a smoker has fallen asleep. When children live with smokers, there is an increased risk of child-set fires because of the availability of matches and lighters.

SAFETY TIPS

- 1.** Always discard smoldering and spent cigarettes properly. Select ashtrays that reduce the chances of a burning cigarette falling onto carpeting and upholstery.
- 2.** Check wastebaskets and cushions in rooms where people have been smoking. Look for cigarette embers that are still burning.
- 3.** Smoking and drinking can be as deadly as drinking and driving. If you host a party and allow smoking, check under chair and sofa cushions before going to bed. Get in the habit of watching out for unattended, but smoldering cigarettes.
- 4.** Never smoke in bed or anywhere when drowsy. Cigarettes can smolder longer than most bedding materials and upholstery can resist igniting.
- 5.** Keep matches and lighters, especially novelty lighters, out of the reach of children. Even a toddler can operate a lighter. Child resistant lighters are not child-proof.

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