

If you smoke, put it out. All the way. Every time.



It Only Takes a Second!

Smoking is the number one cause of home fire deaths in the United States. Fires caused by cigarettes and other smoking materials are preventable. You can make a difference.



Put it out.

Make sure cigarettes and

ashes are out. All the way.

Every time.

In a deep ashtray or

approved container.

Use deep, sturdy ashtrays.

Use ashtrays with a wide, stable base that are hard to tip over. If it wobbles, it won't work. Ashtrays should be set on something sturdy and hard to ignite, like a table.



BE ALERT!

Never smoke if you have been drinking, are sleepy or take medicines that make you drowsy.



Soak Cigarettes

Soak cigarette butts and ashes in water before throwing them away. Never toss hot cigarette butts or ashes in the trash.





Smoking Outside

Although it is better to smoke outside, make sure you are putting your cigarettes in proper containers such as metal or ceramic pots filled with sand, not potting soil. Place these containers AWAY from the house, **NOT** on the front porch, deck or just outside your door.





Correct Containers

Incorrect Containers





Check for Butts

Chairs and sofas catch on fire fast and burn fast. Don't put ashtrays on them. If people have been smoking in the home, check for cigarettes under cushions.



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