



FIRE PREVENTION ASSOCIATION OF NEVADA

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Careless Smoking

Did you know?

- ▶ Eighty-two percent of all fire deaths occur in the home.
- ▶ Careless smoking is the second leading cause of fire deaths.
- ▶ Deaths due to fires caused by careless smoking are particularly preventable.
- ▶ Having a working smoke alarm reduces one's chances of dying in a fire by nearly half.

Life-Saving Tips

- Install a smoke alarm on every level of your home. Test smoke alarm batteries every month and change them at least once a year. Consider installing a 10-year lithium battery-powered smoke alarm, which is sealed so it cannot be tampered with or opened.
- Never smoke in bed. Replace mattresses made prior to the 1973 Federal Mattress Flammability Standard.
- Don't put ashtrays on the arms of sofas or chairs.
- Use deep ashtrays and soak ashes in water before disposal.
- Don't leave cigarettes, cigars, or pipes unattended. Put out all smoking materials before you walk away.
- If you begin to feel drowsy while watching television or reading, extinguish your cigarette or cigar.
- Close a matchbook before striking and hold it away from your body. Set your lighter on "low" flame.
- If smokers have visited, be sure to check the floor and around chair cushions for ashes that may have dropped accidentally.
- Develop and practice a fire escape plan. In case of a fire, stay low to the ground, beneath the smoke. Get out. Stay out.