



## **Fire Safety Bulletin – Facts About Smoking and Home Fires**

Smoking is the number one cause of home fire deaths in the United States.

Every year, men, women and children are killed in home fires caused by cigarettes and other smoking materials. Most victims of smoking related fires never thought it could happen to them. These fires can affect not only the smoker, but others living in or next to the home at the time of the fire.

Most fires caused by smoking materials start on beds, furniture, or in trash.

### **SMOKING AND HOME FIRES ACTION STEPS:**

- *If You Smoke, Smoke Outside*
- *Wherever You Smoke, Use Deep, Sturdy Ashtrays*
- *Make Sure Cigarettes and Ashes are Out*
- *Check for Butts*
- *Never Smoke in a Home Where Oxygen is Used*
- *If You Smoke, Fire-Safe Cigarettes are Better*
- *Be Alert*

For more information, please visit the US Fire Administration's website at: <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/campaigns/smoking/smoker/index.shtm>, or you may refer your questions or comments to:

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