

Safe Smoking Fact Sheet



Smoking is a leading cause of household fires. In many homes with appliances and heat sources that use gas and open flames, the risk increases even more when coupled with cigarettes and electronic cigarettes.

It is critical that smokers adopt safe smoking habits. Here are a few tips to keep in mind:

- Use large, deep ashtrays.
- Never empty ashes into the garbage.
- Never smoke when tired or under the influence.
- Make sure your home is equipped with smoke alarms.
- Never put lit cigarette butts into pot plants.
- Avoid smoking indoors.
- Never smoke in the same room where oxygen equipment or open flame appliances and heat sources are used.

Smoking is also a considerable fire hazard around dry grass areas. It may seem harmless to flick cigarette ash or butts on the grass, but when grasslands are dry, they do not need much to ignite them.

For more information about the fire dangers associated with smoking and what you can do to decrease the risk of starting a fire, please contact your local fire department.