

Loss Prevention Safety Tip



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SMOKING & HOME FIRE SAFETY

Each year in Canada, cigarette related fires kill approximately 70 people and cause 300 injuries, according to a study conducted by the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs. Fires caused by cigarettes and other smoking materials are *preventable*, and you can make a difference!

- If you smoke, smoke outside. Most smoking fires start in the living room, family room, den or bedroom.
- Keep cigarettes, lighters, matches and other smoking materials up high out of reach of children, in a locked cabinet.
- Use a deep, sturdy ashtray and place it away from anything that can burn.
- Never leave a burning cigarette unattended.
- Make sure your cigarette is put out completely, every time.
- Do not discard cigarettes in vegetation, such as mulch, potted plants or landscaping, peat moss, dried grasses, leaves or other things that could ignite easily.
- Before you throw away butts and ashes, make sure they are out by dousing them in water or sand, and dispose of them using a metal container.
- If you smoke, be alert! Do not smoke if you are sleepy, have taken medication that make you drowsy or have consumed alcohol. Never smoke in bed.
- Never smoke or allow others to smoke where medical oxygen is used. Medical oxygen can cause materials to ignite more easily and make fires burn at a faster rate and hotter than normal.



Source: National Fire Protection Association

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