

Prevent a fire from starting. Don't Let Your World Go Up in Smoke.



Many things in your home can catch on fire if they touch a flame or something hot.

Smokers

If you smoke in your home, you're at higher risk to have a fire. You can prevent a fire by asking all smokers to:

- Always smoke outside.
- Use deep, sturdy ashtrays.
- Put cigarettes all the way out. Do this every time.
- Put water on cigarette butts before throwing them in the trash.
- Smoke only when alert. Never smoke in bed or if drowsy.

Candles

Any open flame is dangerous. If possible, use battery-operated candles. If you use candles in your home, prevent a fire by following these tips:

- Put candles in sturdy holders.
- Place candles at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn.
- Make sure candles cannot be reached by children or pets.
- Blow out all candles if you leave the room, get sleepy, or go to bed.



Warning: Medical oxygen can explode if a flame or spark is nearby.

Even if the oxygen is turned off, it can still catch on fire. Never smoke around medical oxygen.



Children under four years old are at higher risk of home fire injury and death than older children.

Lock up any items that can start a fire (matches, lighters, cigarettes, etc.) and make sure children cannot reach candles.

Home Protection

Fire prevention is important, but also make sure you and your home are protected.

- Put working smoke alarms on every level of your home and inside and outside sleeping areas.
- Test your alarms each month.
- Create and practice your home fire escape plan at least twice a year.

Learn more about fire prevention:
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