

BUTT OUT SMOKING FIRES



SMOKING IS THE #1 CAUSE OF FATAL HOME FIRES

WHAT'S THE RISK?

Smoking fires account for **9%** of all home loss fires.

One in 8 smoking fires results in a civilian injury or death.

One in four home fire fatalities are caused by smoking.

67% of smoking fires are caused by “**improper discarding**” of smoking materials.

The average dollar loss per smoking fire is **\$40,000**.

**A Dangerous Mix:
Alcohol is a factor in many
smoking-related fires**

Statistics for Ontario home loss fires between 2013-2017 provided by the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management.

How do I prevent a smoking fire?

- ❖ Encourage smokers to smoke outside.
- ❖ Do not extinguish cigarettes in plant pots, which may contain a mixture of peat moss, shredded wood and bark that can easily ignite.
- ❖ Never smoke in bed.
- ❖ Use large, deep ashtrays that cannot be knocked over.
- ❖ Empty ashes into a metal container – not the garbage can – and put it outside.
- ❖ If people have been smoking in your home, check behind chair and sofa cushions for cigarette butts before going to bed.



Install smoke alarms on every storey of your home and outside all sleeping areas.