

# Butt Out Smoking Fires



Smoking is the #1 cause of **fatal home fires** in Ontario.

**Alcohol** is a factor in many smoking related fires.

Install **smoke and carbon monoxide alarms** on every storey of your home.

**Test them every month.**



## How do I prevent a smoking fire?

- **To prevent smoking fires, you must be alert.** You will not be alert if you are sleepy, have consumed alcohol, drugs or medicine that makes you drowsy.
- **Never smoke in bed.**
- If people have been smoking in your home, **check behind chair and sofa cushions** for cigarette butts before going to bed.
- Use **large deep ashtrays** that cannot be knocked over.
- Empty ashes into a **metal container**—*not the garbage can*—and put it outside.
- **Do not extinguish cigarettes in plant pots**, which may contain a mixture of peat moss, shredded wood and bark that can easily ignite.
- Encourage smokers to **smoke outside.**



For more information contact your **local fire department.**



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