



Smoking Safety

Smoking is one of the leading causes of fire deaths. Each year, inappropriately discarded smoking materials cause millions of dollars in damages.

IF YOU SMOKE, MAKE SURE YOU:

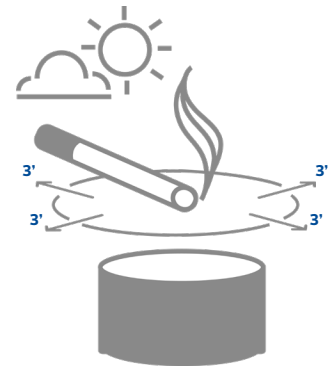
Discard smoking materials properly.

- + Use a deep, non-combustible ashtray that cigarettes can fall into.
- + Always wet cigarette butts and matches before putting them in a garbage container to prevent them from smoldering and starting a fire.
- + Never extinguish smoking materials in plant pots, potting soil, peat moss or other types of soil as they contain combustible materials.

- + Never discard smoking materials on the ground, in the garbage or in dry, grassy areas. In addition to being a fire hazard, it is also considered littering and is subject to a fine.

Protect children.

- + Keep smoking materials, including lighters and matches, out of reach of children.



Cigarettes and other smoking materials that are not properly extinguished can smolder undetected for days before igniting a fire.

Use e-cigarettes with caution.

- + Never leave charging e-cigarettes unattended.
- + Battery failures can lead to small explosions.

Prevent burns and injuries.

- + Never smoke and never allow anyone to smoke where medical oxygen is used.
- + Medical oxygen can cause materials to ignite more easily and make fires burn at a faster rate than normal.

If you smoke, smoke outside.

- + Provide smokers with large, deep, sturdy, non-combustible ashtrays.
- + Wet cigarette butts and ashes before throwing them out or burying them in the sand.
- + Refrain from smoking on balconies if it is restricted by the property owner.

DID YOU KNOW?

- + Edmonton Fire responded to 68 smoking material fires in 2019. These fires resulted in 13 injuries, 2 fire deaths and an estimated dollar loss of more than \$6.8 million.
- + Smoking material fires are 100% preventable.



**SMOKE ALARMS
SAVE LIVES**

TEST YOUR ALARMS MONTHLY



**PLAN AND PRACTICE
YOUR HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLAN.
ALWAYS KNOW TWO WAYS OUT
OF EACH ROOM.**