

September is Smoking Fire Safety



The Office of the Fire Commissioner is focused on preventing fires from smoking. Cigarettes and other smoking materials that are not properly extinguished can smoulder undetected for days before bursting into flame. These fires can start when plant pots and other easy-to-ignite materials are used as ashtrays, or cigarette butts are carelessly discarded.

Smoking

- If you smoke, do it outside.
- Be alert and aware of your surroundings when smoking. If you are sleepy, have taken medication that causes drowsiness, or consumed alcohol, you are at higher risk for starting a smoking-related fire.
- Never smoke in bed.
- Never smoke where medical oxygen is used.

Put it out

- Always use a deep, not-combustible, sturdy ashtray to extinguish smoking materials.
- Never extinguish smoking materials in plant pots. [Stub it Right. Don't Ignite.](#)
- Never throw out cigarettes into vegetation, landscaping, peat moss, dried grasses, mulch, leaves, garbage and other similar items - they can easily catch fire.
- Never discard smoking materials on the ground.
- Make sure matches and cigarette butts in ashtrays are wet before you put them in a garbage container.

Storage

- Keep cigarettes, lighters, matches, and other smoking materials up high out of the reach of children.

Quitting

- If you want to quit smoking, call or text AlbertaQuits at 1-866-710-7848 (QUIT), or visit <http://www.albertaquits.ca>