



## STOP SMOKING RELATED FIRES



## PROPER CIGARETTE DISPOSAL

**UNDERSTAND THE RISKS:**

Discarded cigarette butts can smolder and ignite if not properly extinguished. Fires caused by improper cigarette disposal can spread rapidly and endanger lives as well as damage property.

## UTILIZE DESIGNATED CIGARETTE DISPOSAL CONTAINERS

**BEST PRACTICES:**

Look for designated smoking areas with appropriate cigarette disposal containers. Cigarettes should be extinguished by fully submerging them in water or sand. Planters and decks are not ashtrays.

## DO YOUR PART

**TAKE ACTION:**

We can all do our part to increase fire safety in the community. Talk with your friends and family about the dangers of improper disposal of smoking materials. Keep cigarettes, matches, and lighters out of the sight and reach of children.



## SMOKING RELATED FIRES ARE THE BIGGEST KILLERS IN HOUSE FIRES

1. Put it out. Right out! Use a proper ashtray. Don't leave lit cigarettes unattended.
2. Take extra care when tired, taking prescription drugs, or drinking.
3. Never smoke in bed. Make sure you have a working smoke alarm.

The Palatine Fire Department would like you to know that these fires are **preventable**. Our Community Risk Reduction Team needs your help to prevent these fires. Scan the QR code or email [mcampise@palatine.il.us](mailto:mcampise@palatine.il.us) for more information.

