



BARRE CITY FIRE & AMBULANCE

FIRE

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PRESS RELEASE

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To: ALL MEDIA OUTLETS
From : Joseph G. Aldsworth, Deputy Chief
Date: 7/17/19
RE: Dangers of improperly discarded smoking materials.

In the last few weeks the Barre City Fire Department has seen an increase in fires caused by improperly discarded Smoking Materials and would like to remind you that it is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths.

- **Smoke outside. Many things in your home can catch on fire if they touch something hot like a cigarette or ashes. It is always safer to smoke outside.**
- **Put cigarettes out all the way. Do this every time. Don't walk away from lit cigarettes and other smoking materials. Put water on the ashes and butts to make sure they are really out before you put them in the trash.**
- **Be alert. Do not smoke after taking medicine that makes you tired. You may not be able to prevent or escape from a fire if you are sleepy or have taken medicine that makes you tired.**
- **Never smoke around medical oxygen. Medical oxygen can explode if a flame or spark is near. Even if the oxygen is turned off, it can still catch on fire.**
- **Never smoke in bed. Mattresses and bedding can catch on fire easily. Do not smoke in bed because you might fall asleep with a lit cigarette.**
- **Put your cigarette out in an ashtray or bucket with sand. Use ashtrays with a wide base so they won't tip over and start a fire.**



I thank you for your time with regards to this matter.

Respectfully

Joseph G. Aldsworth

Deputy Fire Chief, Barre City Fire Department

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