

# SAFETY TIPS

## Home Fire Prevention

(NAPSA)—The No.1 cause of preventable home fire deaths is careless smoking. Many fires start when cigarettes are left in ashtrays, hot ashes are dumped into the trash, or someone falls asleep while smoking.

The United States Fire Administration (USFA) launched the Smoking & Home Fires Campaign and suggests some ways to stop the fire before it starts:

- If you feel you must smoke, it's better to smoke outside.



**Make sure cigarettes and ashes are out. Put them out all the way, every time.**

- Inside the home, use big ashtrays with a stable base.

- Really put the cigarette out, don't just tap it into the ashtray.

- Douse butts and ashes with water before tossing them.

- Don't smoke if you are drowsy, and never smoke in bed.

- If people smoke while at your home, check for cigarette butts under or near furniture before you call it a night.

For more information, visit <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/smoking> or call the USFA's Publications Office at (800) 561-3356.