



Llywodraeth Cynulliad Cymru
Welsh Assembly Government

Put it out, Right out!





**Smoking
Kills!**

75% recycled
When you have finished with
this leaflet please recycle it

G/399/07-08
CMK-22-10-065(008)
© Crown copyright 2007

Be prepared

Fires caused by smoking materials kill more people than any other type of fire.

Smoking related fires often happen at night after people have gone to bed. People are more relaxed in the evening and may have had a few drinks or be tired. It's important to remember that one final check could save you and your family's lives.

**Use your common sense -
know the risks and make sure
when you put it
out, it really
is out!**



The facts

- A cigarette burns at 700°C.
- Tobacco keeps burning, it can quietly smoulder out of sight, starting a slow, deadly fire.
- Every month someone in Wales dies and up to 10 people are injured as a result of a smoking related fire.
- Households with a smoker are almost one and a half times more likely to suffer a fire.
- Smokers are almost one and a half times less likely to own a smoke alarm.



**Tobacco
keeps
burning**

The risks

If you smoke you need to be aware of the fire risks and take steps to avoid them:

- Do not leave a lit cigarette, cigar or pipe unattended. They can easily fall or be knocked onto a carpet or papers and start a fire.
- Take extra care if you smoke when you're drowsy, taking medication, or if you're under the influence of alcohol or drugs. It's too easy to fall asleep and not notice that a cigarette is still burning.
- Do not smoke in bed.
- Take responsibility and keep smoking materials out of reach of children.
- Use a proper ashtray. Make sure the ashtray cannot be easily knocked over and empty frequently.
- Empty cold ash into a bin outside.





**For a free home fire safety check from
your local Fire and Rescue Service**

please call 0800 169 1234

www.fireflash.org