

SMOKING CAUSES FORT KNOX FIRES



You can drive down any street on the installation and find folks flicking cigarette butts out of the windows of moving vehicles and at stoplights. As Col. Schwartz put it ‘Smoking, talking on the phone and steering with one leg’. This is never a good idea, but the weather’s changing, It’s hot the grass and weeds are drying out, and conditions are right for a fire.

Every year, almost 1,000 people are killed in home fires caused by cigarettes and other smoking materials. The U.S. Fire Administration is working to help prevent home fire injuries caused by smoking materials. Fires caused by cigarettes and other smoking materials are preventable. You can make a difference!

If you smoke or live with someone who smokes, learn the facts. A lit cigarette accidentally dropped onto a chair or bed, or hot cigarette ashes or matches tossed away before they are completely out, can cause a large fire in seconds.

Putting out a cigarette the right way only takes seconds, too. It is up to you to make sure your cigarette is put out, all the way, every time. Most cars have ashtray and butt cans are plentiful around the installation. It’s up to you to keep Fort Knox fire safe.

One-in-four people killed in home fires was not the smoker. More than one third of the deaths were the children. Twenty-five percent were neighbors or friends.

Mission first, people always! Keep Fort Knox Fire Safe: If you have any questions or would like to schedule a courtesy inspection of your work area or quarters, Please contact the Fort Knox Fire Prevention Office at 624-4208/6016 or e-mail. Visit us on Facebook.

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