



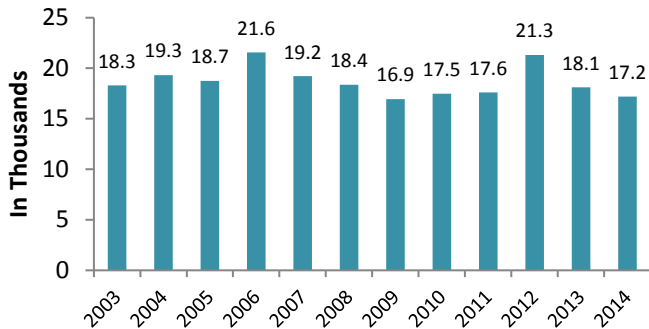
NFPA's Latest Estimates of Home Fires Started by Smoking Materials - 2014

Smoking materials, including cigarettes, pipes, and cigars, started an estimated 17,200 home structure fires reported to U.S. fire departments in 2014. These fires caused:

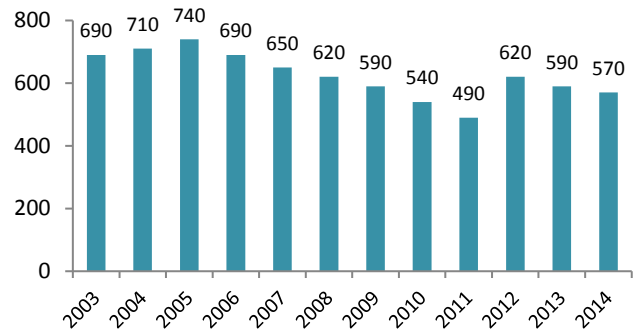
- 570 deaths
- 1,140 injuries and
- \$426 million in direct property damage.

Smoking materials caused 5% of reported home fires, 21% of home fire deaths, 10% of home fire injuries, and 6% of the direct property damage from home fires.

Home Smoking Material Fires by Year



Home Smoking Material Fire Deaths by Year



More about Home Fires Started by Smoking Materials

NFPA's 2013 report, [The Smoking Material Fire Problem](#), provides more information. Because of normal fluctuation from year to year, NFPA uses five-year annual averages in its detailed analyses.

Key findings

Smoking materials were the leading cause of home fire deaths for decades in the years covered by this report. (This was not true in 2013 and 2104.)

- Two out of five (40%) deaths and injuries (41%) from home smoking fires in 2007-2011 were caused by fires that started in the bedroom. Another third (35%) of the deaths and one-quarter of the injuries (24%) resulted from fires that began in a living room, family room, or den.

If you smoke, smoke outside. Never smoke in bed. Wherever you smoke, use deep, sturdy ashtrays. If ashtrays are not available, use a metal can or pail. Never empty smoking material directly into a trash can. Place away from anything that can burn.

- Sleep was a factor in one-third (33%) of the home smoking material fire deaths and injuries (32%). Possible alcohol impairment was reported in one-fifth (19%) of these deaths.

To prevent a deadly cigarette fire, you must be alert. You won't be if you are sleepy, have been drinking, or have taken medicine or other drugs.