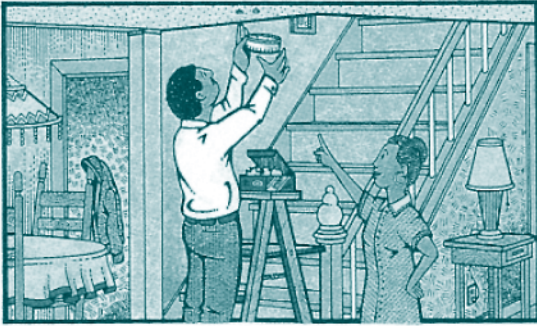
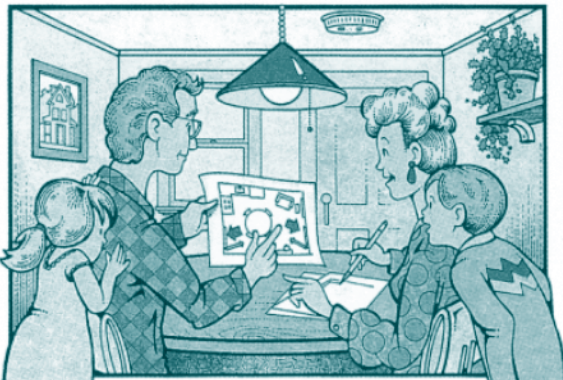


Early Warning

- Smoke alarms save lives.
- Test your alarms every month, both battery and electric type.
- Change the battery once a year.



- Vacuum or gently blow out the alarm every six months.
- Removing batteries, shutting off electricity or disabling alarms may void insurance and constitute negligence.
- If you have false alarm problems, contact the Public Safety and Education Branch, Fire Prevention Section, for advice.
- The solution may be as simple as moving the alarm or replacing it with a new one.



Survival

- Install and maintain smoke detectors on each level of your home.
- Plan and practice a home fire escape plan.
- Sleep with the bedroom door closed. The closed door offers protection from heat and smoke.
- If there is smoke, crawl low under the smoke. Get down on your hands and knees.



- Stop, drop and roll to smother the flames if your clothes catch on fire.

For further information contact:

Edmonton Fire Rescue Services
Fire Prevention Branch
10565 – 105 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
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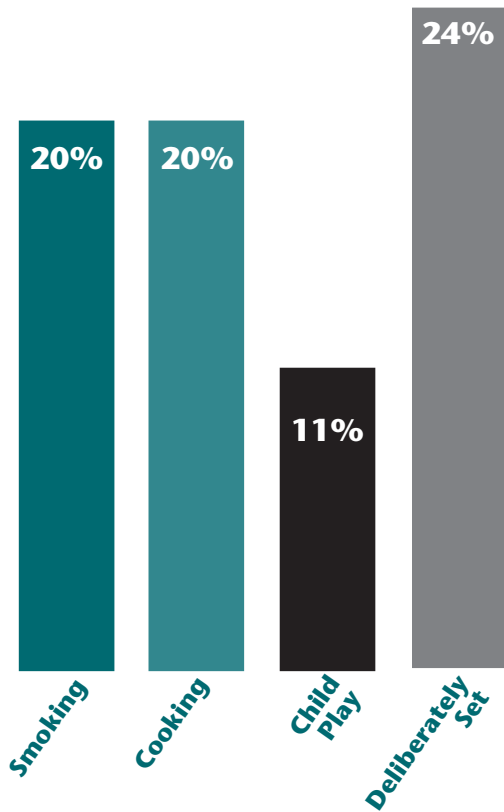
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The Facts

How are people injured or killed by fire at home?

- Edmonton has around 300 residential fires a year and most of these are predictable and preventable. Below are the four major fire causes:



Four Main Causes 2000

**Smoke Alarms
Save Lives**
— make sure yours
is working today

Cooking

- Never leave cooking unattended.
- Don't cook and drink alcohol excessively — order food in.
- For oven fires, keep the oven door closed and turn the oven off.
- Heat cooking oil slowly and supervise closely — use deep fryers.



- Never move a pot that's on fire. Put a lid on it.
- If flames don't go out immediately, call the **Emergency Response Department: 9-1-1.**

Smokers' Material

- Always use large safety ashtrays.
- Dampen butts or empty ashtrays into large tin cans and dispose of contents the next day.
- Don't smoke lying down. You may fall asleep — alcohol causes drowsiness.
- After visitors leave, check under cushions and behind furniture for smoldering cigarettes.
- Keep smoker's materials out of sight and reach of children.

Deliberately Set

- Improving the security of your home is the best way to discourage arson.
- Make sure your home looks occupied.
- Keep your place clean — get rid of rubbish.
- Have good lighting around your property.

Child Play

- Make sure your children understand what matches and lighters are used for.
- Older children can be taught the safe and responsible use of matches and lighters only under adult supervision.
- Keep matches and lighters out of sight and reach.
- Although young children can climb into high cupboards, it is best to keep matches and lighters above the "strike zone" — above your shoulders.



- If you smoke, keep your lighter on you. If you don't need the extra lighters or matches, dispose of them.
- If you are concerned about your child's fascination with fire, contact the Child Firesetters Project at 496-3850.