

## ALCOHOL AND FIRE ARE A LETHAL MIXTURE

### Alcohol and Fire Safety Tips

- ▶ After a party or get-together where alcohol was consumed, check for smoking materials, especially under cushions. Chairs and sofas catch on fire easily and burn fast.
- ▶ Don't consume alcohol and cook — you could fall asleep and cause a devastating fire.
- ▶ Make sure a working smoke alarm is installed; it significantly increases your chances of escaping and surviving a deadly fire.

### Did You Know?

**In most cases where fire fatalities have occurred on college campuses, alcohol was a factor. Approximately 25 percent of all campus fire fatalities follow a party.**

There is a strong link between alcohol and fire deaths. Intoxication impairs judgment and hampers evacuation efforts — you may sleep through a smoke alarm or not react quickly enough to escape. Fires often start because people who are drinking fall asleep or are not careful while smoking. Smoking combined with alcohol abuse exacerbates the risk of fires, fire injuries and fire deaths.



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