



# Alcohol and Fire

Alcohol intoxication may increase the risk of starting a fire by impairing one's judgment and coordination. A smoker, under the influence of alcohol, may fall asleep and drop a lit cigarette on upholstery or clothing. The effects of alcohol may cause a failure to

notice the smell of smoke or hear a smoke alarm, and escaping from a fire can be hampered by the loss of motor coordination and mental clarity, even when warning signs are heeded. Learn more about the dangers of alcohol and fire. Don't become a fire statistic!



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