

# RADIO SCRIPTS

## PROMOTING FIRE PREVENTION

### Smoking

Smoking is the leading cause of fire fatalities in Washington State. Most often, fires begin when upholstered furniture, mattresses, or bedding is ignited. Smoking should be done outside, and fully extinguish all smoking materials.

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### Smoke Alarms

Smoke alarms are the first line of defense against deadly fires. Ensure all smoke alarms in your home are operating correctly. Inoperable smoke alarms can't protect people. Test your alarms at least once a month and replace the batteries every year. Smoke alarms 10 years or older should be replaced.

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### Home Heating

Combustibles that are placed too close to a heat source are the leading cause of home heating fires. Keep furnishings and other combustibles *36 inches from all heat sources*.

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### Electrical

Short circuits, overloaded outlets, and other forms of electrical failure are the leading causes of electrical related fires. Ensure outlets and electrical systems in your home are adequate to prevent overloading. Discontinue using electrical cords that are damaged or frayed. Extension cords are no substitute for permanent wiring.

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