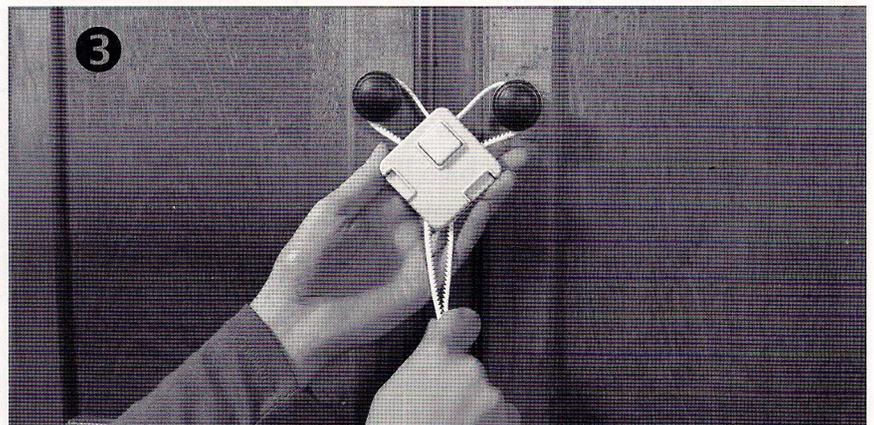
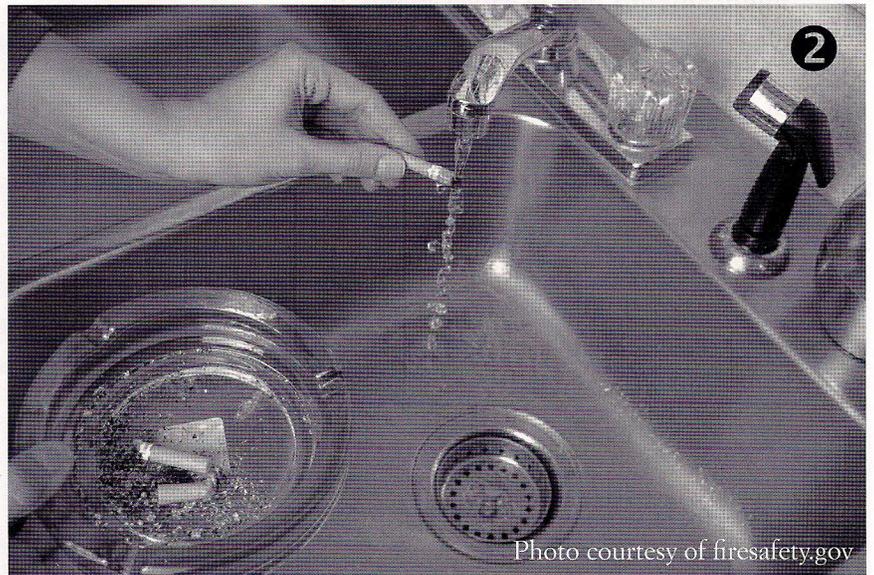
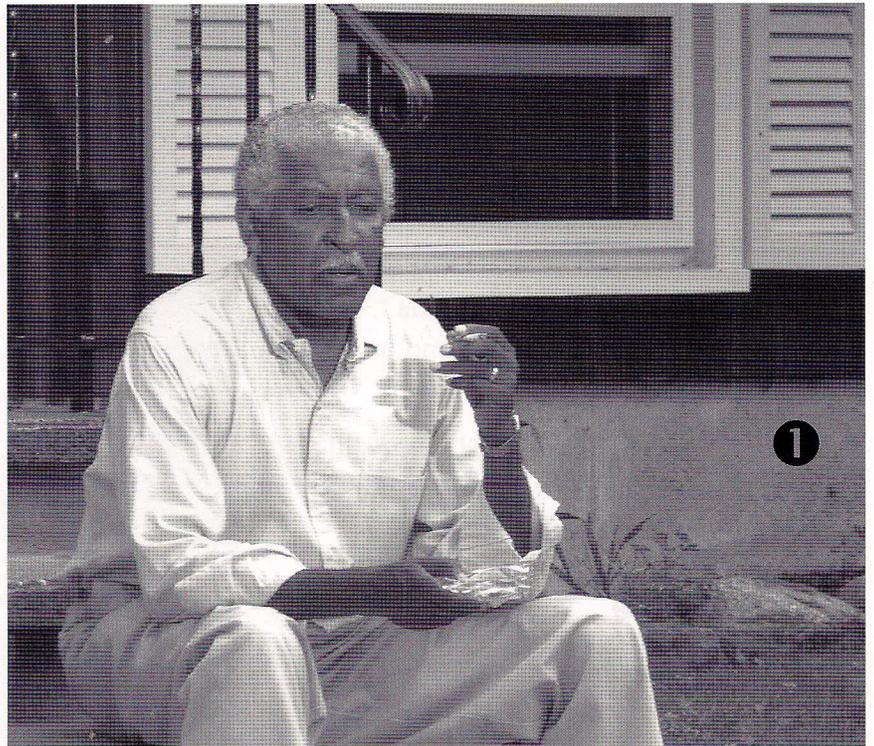


Smoking and Home Fires

- Smoking is the number-one cause of home fire deaths. If you smoke, smoke outside. **Picture 1**
- Wherever you smoke, use large, deep ashtrays, so cigarettes don't fall out.
- Put ashtrays on a flat, sturdy surface like a table, so they won't tip over.
- Before you put cigarette and cigar butts into the trash, run water on them to make sure they are completely cool and can't start a fire. **Picture 2**
- Stay alert. Do not smoke if you feel sleepy, took medicine that makes you feel sleepy, or had alcohol to drink.
- If someone has smoked inside your home, check under and around furniture cushions for cigarettes that might have fallen out of sight. These can burn slowly for hours, and then burst into flames when you have left the room or gone to sleep.



One more thing! If someone in your home is a smoker, there are probably matches and lighters in your home. These can be deadly in the hands of young children. Make sure to keep all matches and lighters in a safe, locked place where children cannot see or touch them. **Picture 3**

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