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## SMOKING MATERIAL LIKELY RESPONSIBLE FOR GLENDALE HOUSE FIRE

**Glendale, Ariz.** — On Saturday, May 14, at approximately 4 p.m., firefighters were dispatched to a house fire, near 6400 block of West Saguaro Drive, caused by cigarettes not properly disposed of before the occupant left the residence.

Fire investigators say the fire started near a planter outside of the home before it extended to the home. Firefighters were able to contain it quickly to the bedroom wall.

Damage is estimated at \$5,000.

The Glendale Fire Department wants to remind everyone to use extra care when smoking.

### SAFETY TIPS:

- **Never smoke inside.**
- **Wherever you smoke, use deep ashtrays and always place them on something that is sturdy and non-flammable. Remember, chairs and couches burn fast and easily catch on fire.**
- **Make sure cigarettes and ashes are completely out before leaving ashtrays unattended.**
- **Never smoke anywhere where oxygen is in use, even if the oxygen is turned off.**
- **Do not smoke if you are sleepy, have been drinking alcohol, or taken medication that can make you drowsy.**

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