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CIGARETTES LIKELY RESPONSIBLE FOR GLENDALE HOUSE FIRE

Glendale, Ariz. — On Saturday, May 21, at approximately 2:45 a.m., firefighters were dispatched to a house fire, near the 5400 block of West State Avenue, believed to have been caused by cigarettes not properly disposed of before the occupant went to bed.

A neighbor noticed the house was on fire and called 911.

When firefighters arrived on the scene, the fire had consumed a majority of the front of the home. Firefighters were able to stop the fire before it from spread to the rear portion of the house.

Paramedics transported one adult smoke inhalation patient to the hospital in stable condition.

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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