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## CIGARETTE LIKELY RESPONSIBLE FOR GLENDALE HOUSE FIRE

**Glendale, Ariz.** — Yesterday morning, firefighters were dispatched to a house fire likely caused by a cigarette that was not properly put out prior to the occupant leaving for work.

Firefighters encountered heavy fire and smoke throughout the residence located at 6400 West Onyx Avenue. Firefighters were able to extinguish it quickly but not before it spread to the backyard, igniting the propane tank for the barbeque grill.

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

### 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 being used, 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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