



Support Oregon's HB 2163 legislation

**Cigarettes are a leading cause of fire deaths,
injuries and property loss in Oregon.
From 1999 through 2005, cigarettes caused:**

8,824 fires

37 deaths

185 injuries

\$32.2 million in direct property losses*

Facts you should know

Pipes, cigars,
and hand-rolled cigarettes
go out if not puffed on.

Commercially
mass-produced cigarettes
are the only form of tobacco
that keeps burning
once lit.

Fire-safer cigarettes
are nearly identical
to regular cigarettes.
However, they use
specially designed paper
with "speed bumps"
to restrict burning.

Oregon Fire Safety Coalition

See the reverse side of
this flier for coalition
members.

[www.oregon.gov/OOHS/SFM/
Oregon_Fire_Safety_COA.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/OOHS/SFM/Oregon_Fire_Safety_COA.shtml)

HB 2163 would require cigarettes to be manufactured to self-extinguish, significantly reducing the likelihood of fire deaths, injuries, and property losses from unintentional fires.

However, efforts to pass a national fire-safer cigarette bill continue to fail. Oregon must take responsibility for protecting its citizens from needless losses. A coalition of diverse groups is working in Oregon toward passage of HB 2163.

The standards for fire-safer cigarettes in Oregon will mirror those adopted by California, Illinois, New Hampshire, New York, Vermont and Massachusetts. Canada passed the same safer-cigarette legislation standard nationwide in 2005.

The tobacco industry has had the technology to make fire-safer cigarettes since the mid-1980s, but manufactures them to sell only where required by legislation. As shown in New York, the introduction of fire-safer cigarettes had no effect on consumer purchases of cigarettes and no effect on tax revenue, but cigarette fire deaths were reduced by 50 percent.

What you can do to help Contact your Oregon legislator and ask them to support HB 2163. For more information, call Tari Glocar at the Office of State Fire Marshal, 503.373.1540 extension 273.

*This figure does not include suppression costs and indirect costs such as medical care or business interruption. It also doesn't include losses that occur in range and forest fires. These are accounted for separately.

Oregon Fire Safety Coalition

As of January 2007, the following have joined the coalition supporting HB 2163:

Oregon

Oregon State Departments

Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services, Insurance Division
Oregon Department of Forestry
Oregon Department of Human Services
Oregon Department of Justice
Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal

Oregon Fire Departments/Districts/Cities/Boards

City Of Lake Oswego
Clackamas Fire District #1
Clackamas Fire District #1 Board of Directors
Forest Grove Rural Fire Protection District
Lake Oswego Fire Department
Lebanon Fire District
Lowell Rural Fire Protection District
Keizer Fire District
Newberg Fire Department
Polk County Fire District #1
Sheridan Fire District
Stayton Fire District

Fire Defense Boards

Oregon State Fire Defense Board
Clatsop County Fire Defense Board
Linn County Fire Defense Board
Polk County Fire Defense Board

Fire Service Associations, etc.

Governor's Fire Service Policy Council
International Association of Arson Investigators
International Association of Fire Chiefs
Lane County Fire Prevention Co-op
Oregon Fire Chiefs Association
Oregon Fire District Directors' Association
Oregon Fire Education Association
Oregon Fire Marshals Association
Oregon Fire Service Office Administrators
Oregon State Fire Fighters Council
Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association
Stayton Volunteer Protection Co. #1
Tualatin Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association
Western Fire Chiefs Association

Oregon Legislators

Senator Avakian
Senator Bates
Senator Burdick
Senator Courtney
Senator Deckert
Senator Devlin
Senator G. George
Senator Gordly
Senator Metsger
Senator Monnes Anderson
Senator Monroe
Senator Morrisette
Senator Morse
Senator Prozanski
Senator Schrader
Senator Starr
Senator Walker
Representative Barker
Representative Barnhart
Representative E. Beyer
Representative Bonamici
Representative Boone
Representative Boquist
Representative Bruun
Representative Buckley
Representative Cannon

Representative Clem
Representative Cowan
Representative Dingfelder
Representative C. Edwards
Representative D. Edwards
Representative Esquivel
Representative Galizio
Representative Garrard
Representative Gelser
Representative Girod
Representative Greenlick
Representative Holvey
Representative Hunt
Representative Jenson
Representative Komp
Representative Kotek
Representative Krieger
Representative Macpherson
Representative Maurer
Representative Merkley
Representative Nathanson
Representative Nelson
Representative Nolan
Representative Olson
Representative Read
Representative Richardson
Representative Riley
Representative Roblan
Representative Rosenbaum
Representative Schaufler
Representative Shields
Representative G. Smith
Representative Thatcher
Representative Tomei
Representative Witt

Insurance Companies

Cammack-Kingsley Insurance, Inc.
Marsh USA Inc.
Oregon Mutual Insurance Company
Property Casualty Insurers of America
Safeco Insurance
The ODS Companies

Unions

AFSCME Union
Keizer Professional Firefighters Local 3881
Newberg Firefighters Local 1660

Associations and Organizations, etc.

American Cancer Society
American Heart Association
American Red Cross, Oregon Trail Chapter
AARP
Asian American Hotel Association
Keep Oregon Green
League of Oregon Cities
Oregon Burn Center
Oregon Life Safety Team
Oregon SAFE KIDS Coalition
Oregon State Public Interest Research Group
National Fire Protection Association -
Coalition for Fire-Safe Cigarettes
(Support list may be viewed at
www.firesafecigarettes.org.)