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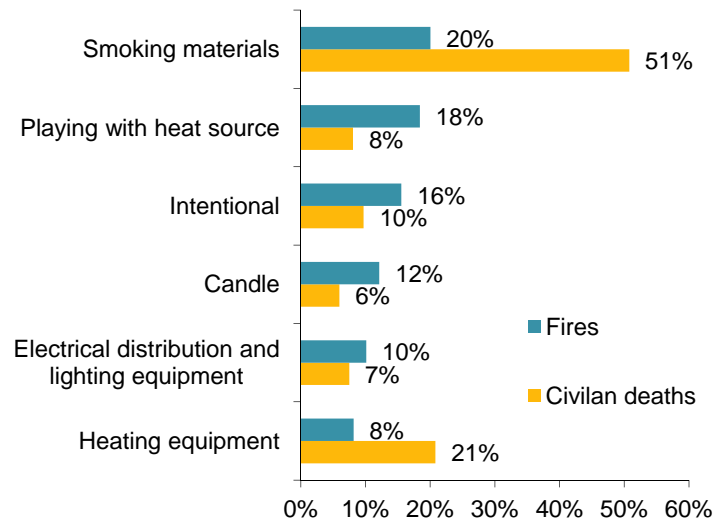
Home Structure Fires That Began With Mattresses and Bedding

Between 2005 and 2009, local fire departments responded to an average of 10,260 home structure fires per year that started with mattresses and bedding. These fires caused annual averages of:

- 371 civilian deaths
- 1,340 civilian injuries
- \$382 million in direct property damage
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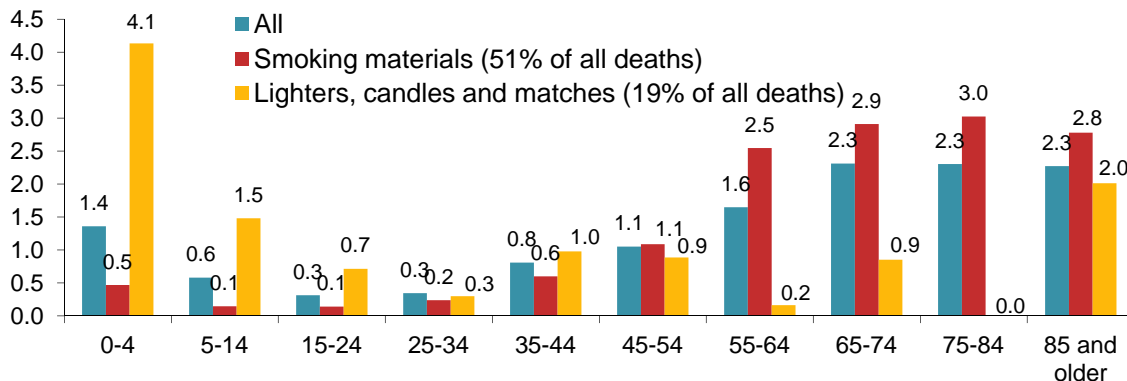
Major Causes of Home Structure Fires That Began With Mattresses And Bedding

- Smoking materials were the cause of 20% of these fires, and half (51%) of the associated civilian deaths
- Playing with a heat source and intentional accounted for 18% and 16% of fires respectively (though there is overlap between these two categories)
- Heating equipment caused 8% of fires but 21% of deaths



Relative Risk of Home Mattress and Bedding Fire Death by Age Group and Smoking Materials vs. Lighters, Candles, and Matches: 2005-2009

Children under 5 years old are at greater risk of fires started by lighters, candles and matches, while older adults are at greater risk from fires started by smoking materials



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