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Update on Fatal Cloudburst Circle Fire

(Lincolnton) The Lincoln County Fire Marshal's office along with North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation determined Wednesday's house fire on Cloudburst Circle was accidental and caused by improperly discarded smoking materials.

Improperly discarded smoking materials can cause devastating home fires.

- If you smoke, use only fire-safe cigarettes.
- If you smoke, smoke outside. Most deaths result from fires that started in living rooms, family rooms and dens or in bedrooms.
- Keep cigarettes, lighters, matches, and other smoking materials up high out of reach of children, in a locked cabinet.
- Use a deep, sturdy ashtray. Place it away from anything that can burn.
- Do not discard cigarettes in vegetation such as mulch, potted plants or landscaping, peat moss, dried grasses, leaves, or other things that could ignite easily.