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8. Give fire a chance to start and it will kill and destroy.

One evening a man put his cigarette out in the ashtray. He then emptied the ashtray into the garbage can that was under the sink. Throughout the night, a hot coal started to smolder. The garbage started to burn along with the wood from the cupboards. Within no time, the flames fully engulfed the kitchen. The man heard his smoke alarm and was able to get out through a window.

In most instances, house fires start out small, but if given a chance, it only takes minutes for them to grow into a savage inferno that can kill in a horrible manner. Fire will destroy everything it comes in contact with. House fires can be prevented. Use caution when cooking. Keep heaters away from flammable materials. Keep matches and lighters out of reach from children and make sure your smoking materials are fully extinguished. Make sure your smoke alarms are functioning properly. The alarms in the opening story had no batteries – they had been removed earlier and were never replaced.

Don't let a house fire be a visitor in your home – it is an unwelcome guest.

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