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Cigarette Lighter Mishap Results In Severe Burns To Nursing Home Patient

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Officials are investigating the circumstances surrounding the severe burns sustained by a 77-year-old nursing home patient in New Orleans. The man sustained burns to 80% of his body when his bed caught fire following the Super Bowl. The man identified as Hubert Ellis, was a non-smoker, yet fire investigators found two cigarette lighters in his bed that they believe started the fire.

It is unclear if the smoke detector in Mr. Ellis's room was operating properly at the time of the incident. Similarly, the nursing home's response to the incident is under investigation as well.

In either respect, why did this nursing home patient have cigarette lighters in his bed? Many nursing homes have strict smoking policies that require lighters to be kept under the guard of nursing home staff-- to avoid incident's such as this.

Read more about this incident involving the burns to a nursing home patient [here](#).

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