

Jail Mattresses Safer Than The One You Sleep On At Home

Jail Mattresses May Be Safer Than Yours

Mattresses In Jails Less Flammable

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Intro:

Nearly 400 people are killed each year in mattress fires nationwide, and 75 percent of those victims are children. The numbers are high enough that they caught the attention of the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

"Each time we hear about a death or an injury, it's a tragedy," Consumer Product Safety Commission representative Ken Giles said.

The federal government has mandated cigarette smoking not be allowed in bed since 1973. The government has also now set out to keep matches, lighters, and candles from causing mattresses to explode into flames.

This is already the case with mattresses in jails. They will survive the fires while the mattresses on your bed will not.