

Russians Banned From Throwing Cigarette Butts Out of Cars

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Russia's new fire safety regulations ban train and car passengers from throwing cigarette butts out of the window.

More than 5,200 people died in almost 95,000 fires in Russia between January and September 2017, according to data [published](#) by the Ministry of Emergency Situations.

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Russia's latest fire safety regulations prohibit the disposal of cigarette butts, coal lumps and ash out of moving cars and trains.

Landowners are also required to mow lawns and regularly collect garbage, according to the decree signed by Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev that was [published](#) on the government's

website Monday.

Mass layoffs, lack of training and bureaucratic impediments have paralyzed Russia's fire service in recent years, firefighters and rescuers [told](#) The Moscow Times last summer.

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