

**Dear Betrayed:** Give Sam the opportunity to be honest. Tell him you saw this woman slip something into his pocket and you'd like to know what it was, since he hasn't bothered to mention it. If he tells you the truth, you can talk about how this makes you feel. If he lies, however, let him know you



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are aware it was her e-mail address, and ask him what, exactly, he thinks he's doing.

**Dear Annie:** Our beautiful daughter-in-law has one major fault. She is a careless smoker. She has put hundreds of burn holes in their furniture, carpeting, blankets and throw pillows. We worry that one day she will start a fire. Her parents are concerned, as well.

I have told my son he should insist she smoke outside, but he says every time he brings it up, she gets defensive, and he doesn't want to start a fight. They have an 11-year-old daughter witnessing this. What can we do? —  
Tonawanda, N.Y.

**Dear N.Y.:** Tell your son he should be willing to start a fight over this because his daughter's welfare is at stake. According to the U.S. Fire Administration ([usfa.dhs.gov/smoking](http://usfa.dhs.gov/smoking)), almost 1,000 people are killed in home

fires caused by cigarettes and other smoking materials every year. Your daughter-in-law needs to care enough about her family to discipline herself.