

AFTER an electrical fire destroyed his multimillion-dollar house, Nick Nolte has found an unlikely new home – he's moved back in with his ex-wife!

The freak blaze on Oct. 7 caused \$3.5 million in damages to Nolte's main house, which is next to his other five cottages on his sprawling Malibu estate.

Now the 67-year-old "Tropic Thunder" star and his son Brawley, 22, have settled in with Brawley's mom Becky, while Nolte's live-in love and their baby daughter are out of the country, sources say.

The booze-troubled "48 Hours" star and Becky, his third wife, have remained close friends since their 1994 divorce, and she's even lived on his property at times, an insider told *The ENQUIRER*.

Nolte had been sharing his Malibu home with his former Pilates instructor, 40-year-old British actress

Clytie Lane, and their 1-year-old daughter Shanti. "Clytie and Shanti are in London visiting family," said the insider.

"Becky's home is just up the road from Nick's. It was the nearest safe harbor for him and Brawley while they sift through the rubble of the fire."

And while Nolte is heartbroken over losing his home and many valued possessions, the inferno could have been far more devastating.

"The baby's room was ravaged by the fire, and all her toys were melted," said another source.

"Nick cut his hand breaking a window while trying to put out the fire with a garden hose. Still, he's glad to be alive – and counting his blessings that Clytie and Shanti weren't there."



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