

# Prevent Candle Fires

## Follow the Circle of Safety

### **Burn Candles Inside a One-Foot Circle of Safety**

Use candles in the center of an area one-foot in every direction free of anything that can burn such as decorations, curtains that can blow around, and other items on a table or bureau. Use sturdy metal, glass or ceramic candle holders that will not tip over.

### **Before You Go Out, Blow It Out**

Most candle fires start when they are left burning unattended. Blow out candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Avoid using candles in the bedroom or in places where people may fall asleep.

### **Use Candles Out of Reach of Children and Pets**

Many candle fires are started when pets knock them over, or when children touch or play with them.

### **Teach Everyone in the Family the Rules of Safe Candle Use**

Children, teenagers, grown-ups and older adults should know the rules of safe candle use.

### **Keep All Matches and Lighters Out of Reach of Children**

Store in a high cabinet, preferably a locked one. You wouldn't leave a loaded gun lying around and a lighter can be just as dangerous in a child's hand.

### **Switch to Flameless Candles**

To be safe, consider using flameless candles in your home. Have flashlights and battery-powered lighting ready to use during a power outage. Never use candles.

### **Candles Contribute to Fire Deaths in the Home**

Several people are killed, usually in their own homes, from candle fires each year. If medical oxygen is used in the home, do not use candles, matches or other open flames.



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