

CANDLES & HOLIDAYS



- Keep candles away from natural and artificial Christmas trees and all decorations.
- Place burning candles where they can't be bumped or brushed against.
- Arrange table candles safely away from flammable centerpieces and hanging decorations.

POWER OUTAGES

- Avoid using candles for emergency lighting. If your power goes out, use flashlights and battery-powered lamps when possible.
- Don't use a candle for light when adding any flammable fuel to a heater, lantern, or other device. The flame could ignite the fumes.

**REPORT ALL FIRES TO
YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT –
EVEN IF YOU THINK
YOU'VE PUT THEM OUT!**

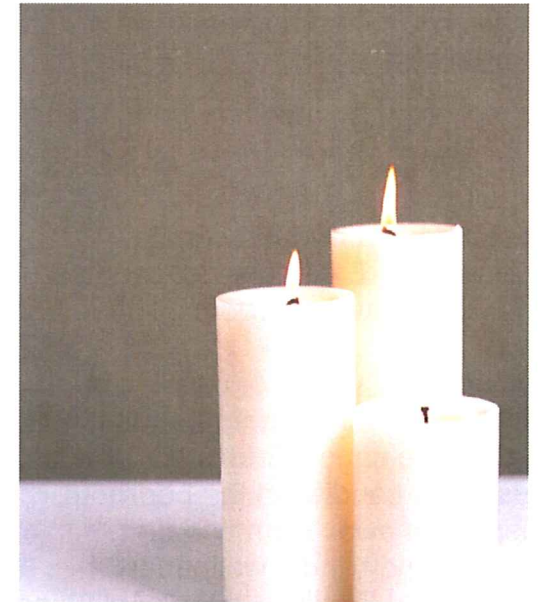
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CANDLE SAFETY



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**BURNING CANDLES
WITH CARE**

SAFE CANDLE USE

Your home is your sanctuary and a place to feel comfortable and safe. Candles can create that atmosphere, but without proper care and attention, candles have been reported to set off disastrous home fires.

The safe use of candles is just as important as all other maintenance measures you take to make your home a safe place.

REDUCING THE RISK

Never leave a burning candle unattended. Extinguish all candles when you leave the room or go to bed.

Discourage the use of candles in bedrooms – this is where almost half of all home candle fires start. If you must burn candles in the bedroom, keep them away from bedding, curtains and blinds, wallpaper, upholstered furniture, piles of clothing, and newspapers and magazines, and monitor them carefully.

Keep candles at least 3' (1 m) away from anything that can burn. Keep candles away from flammable liquids.

CANDLES AND CHILDREN

Approximately 10% of home candle fires are started by children playing.

Never leave a child unattended in a room with a burning candle. Store candles, matches, and lighters up high and out of children's sight and reach. Don't let children play with candles or dripping wax – or with combustible materials near candles. Don't allow children or teens to burn candles in their bedrooms.



SAFETY FIRST

- Use candle holders that :
 - ✓ Are sturdy,
 - ✓ Won't tip over easily,
 - ✓ Are made from material that can't burn,
 - ✓ Are large enough to collect dripping wax.
- Place candle holders on a sturdy, uncluttered surface – away from edges and any place where they could be knocked over by children or pets.
- Light candles carefully. Keep your hair and loose clothing away from the flame.
- Keep candle wicks trimmed to one-quarter inch.
- Extinguish candles when they burn down to within 2" of their holder or any decorative material.
- Extinguish candles carefully, using a long-handled candle snuffer or a soft, directed breath. Do not leave the room until wicks have stopped glowing.

DANGER!
**NEVER LEAVE A BURNING
CANDLE UNATTENDED**