

Candle Fire Safety

Candle Safety Tips...

- ◇ Consider using battery operated flameless candles, which can look, smell & feel like real candles
- ◇ If you do use candles, ensure they are in sturdy metal, glass or ceramic holders and placed where they cannot be easily knocked down
- ◇ Avoid using candles in bedrooms and sleeping areas
- ◇ Extinguish candles after use and before going to bed
- ◇ Keep candles at least 12 inches from anything that can burn
- ◇ Keep candles out of the reach of children & pets
- ◇ **Always use a flashlight**—not a candle—for emergency lighting
- ◇ **NEVER** leave a burning candle unattended!

- 15,260** estimated number of home candle fires each year
- 166** estimated number of home candle fire deaths each year
- 1,289** estimated number of home candle fire injuries each year
- 55%** of home candle fires start because the candle is too close to combustible materials
- 20%** of candle fires begin when candles are unattended or abandoned
- 36%** of home candle fires begin in the bedroom, more than in any other room
- 50%** of candle fire deaths occur between midnight and 6am

Did you know that December is the peak time of year for home candle fires?

** Source: Home Candle Fires, NFPA Fire Analysis & Research, Quincy, MA, June 2010*

Top 5 Days for Home Candle Fires...

1. Christmas Day
2. Christmas Eve
3. New Year's Day
4. Halloween
5. December 23



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