

CANDLE SAFETY

CANDLES MAY BE PRETTY AND SMELL NICE,
BUT THEY ARE ONE OF THE LEADING CAUSES OF HOME FIRES.
HERE ARE SOME SAFETY TIPS WHEN USING CANDLES IN YOUR HOME!

- 🕯 Candles should be in a sturdy holder that can't tip over easily, and are on non-cluttered surfaces.
- 🕯 Make sure there is at least 1ft of empty space around a lit candle. More than ½ of all candle fires are because a candle is placed too closely to something that can burn.
- 🕯 Never burn a candle all the way down.
- 🕯 When lighting a candle, don't have hair down or wear loose clothing.
- 🕯 Make sure to blow out candles when leaving the room.
- 🕯 Avoid lighting candles where people can fall asleep.
- 🕯 When lighting candles in a religious service, the unlit candle should dip into the lit candle.
- 🕯 If a candle must be lit continuously (like for religious purposes), make sure it is enclosed in a glass container in a sink, small basin, or metal tray filled with water.



1/3 OF ALL CANDLE FIRES OCCUR
IN THE BEDROOM. REMEMBER
TO ALWAYS PUT OUT CANDLES
BEFORE FALLING ASLEEP AT
NIGHT!



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