



BEVERLY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS:

CANDLE SAFETY

Did you know...

- Candles are the fourth leading cause of home fire injuries.
- Falling asleep is a factor in 12 percent of home candle fire and 42 percent of the associated deaths.
- December is the peak time of the year for home candle fires.
- Roughly one-third of home candle fires started in the bedroom.
- More than half of all candle fires start when things that can burn are too close to the candle.

Candles and Kids:

- Never leave a child alone in a room with a burning candle.
- Keep all candles out of reach of children.
- Keep all matches, and lighters out of reach of children and stored safely.



Candles are used for many reasons in a home such as decorative, relaxation, aroma scents, and even dim lighting but they are the fourth leading cause home fire and home deaths. Remember, a candle is an open flame, which means that it can easily ignite anything that can burn. If you use candles in your home here are some safety tips to help prevent an accidental fire.

Candle with care...

- Blow out all candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Avoid the use of candles in the bedroom and other areas where you may fall asleep and forget to blow out candle.
- Keep candles at least 1 foot away from anything that can burn such as curtains, walls, clothing, decorations, book / magazines and bedding.
- Place candle away from windows and doorways where they can be accidentally knocked over.

If you choose to use candles...

- Use candle holders that are sturdy, and wont tip over easily.
- Place candle holder on a sturdy, uncluttered surface.
- Light candles carefully. Keep your hair and any loose clothing away from the flame.
- Do not burn the candle all the way down - put it out before it gets too close to the holder or container.
- Never use a candle if oxygen is used in the home.
- Have flashlights and battery-powered lighting ready to use during a power outage. Never use candles.
- Never place candles on Christmas tree.
- Do not place candles where they could be knocked over by a pet.
- If possible, use the safest option... battery operated, flameless candles. They are available in numerous shapes and sizes.

