

Candle Safety

According to the US Fire Administration...

- Annually, an estimated 23,600 fires in residences are caused by candles and result in 1,525 civilian injuries, 165 fatalities, and \$390 million in direct property loss.
- Women are more likely to be injured or killed in residential structure candle fires.
- December has the highest occurrence of candle-ignited residential structure fires.
- Over one-third of residential structure candle fires begin in a bedroom.
- Over half of all residential structure candle fires were started because the candle was placed too close to combustible materials.

Help prevent fires and injuries caused by candles

- Use candles with flame protective noncombustible shades or globes.
- Use a sturdy metal, glass or ceramic candle holder.
- Avoid the use of candles with embedded combustible decorative items.
- Place candles at least 4 feet away from curtains, draperies, decorations, blinds and bedding.
- Place candles out of reach of small children and pets.
- Refrain from using decorative/floral candle rings.
- Extinguish candles before leaving the room.
- Extinguish candles when they burn within two inches of the holder.
- Never leaving burning candles unattended.

**Candles should always be placed out of reach of children.
Don't allow teens to have candles in their bedrooms.**

IN CASE OF A POWER OUTAGE, DO NOT USE CANDLES TO LIGHT YOUR HOME.

- One-third of the people killed in candle fires were using them for light due to no power.
- Be prepared by having flashlights and batteries available in your home.
- Have the flashlights accessible in the kitchen and bedroom.
- You should also carry a flashlight in your car and a small light on your person.



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