

HOME FIRE SAFETY

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INJURY PREVENTION TRAINING

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Candle Safety

References:

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Refer to:
www.nfpa.org/education
for more tips on home
fire safety.

Candles in the home are pleasant to look at and can give off nice fragrances, but they can also cause fires and home fire deaths.

Facts:

- 1) Candle fires in the home are reported to fire departments approximately every 30 minutes.
- 2) About 2/5 of home candle fires occur in the bedroom.
- 3) More than 50% of all candle fires start when burning candles are placed too close to other materials that can burn.

Tips:

- 1) Make sure that all candles are extinguished when you leave the room or go to bed.
- 2) Candles should be kept at least 12" from any materials that can burn.
- 3) Use only candle holders that won't tip over easily and are sturdy.
- 4) Make sure that the candle holder is on a flat, sturdy and uncluttered surface.
- 5) Be careful when lighting candles. Keep hair and loose clothing away from the flame.
- 6) Don't burn candles completely down. Put it out before it gets too close to the holder or container base.
- 7) If oxygen is used in the residence, do not use candles.
- 8) Don't use candles during a power outage. Use flashlights and other battery-powered lighting instead.
- 9) Never leave a child alone in a room with burning candles.
- 10) Keep matches and lighters out of reach of children, preferably in a locked cabinet.
- 11) Consider using flameless candles instead of real candles. They look and smell like real candles.

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