

# Candle Safety

Candles may be pretty to look at but they are a cause of home fires — and home fire deaths. Remember, a candle is an open flame, which means that it can easily ignite anything that can burn.

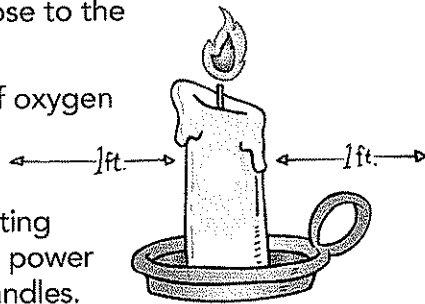
## “CANDLE WITH CARE”

- »»» 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 people may fall asleep.
- »»» Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn.

Think about using flameless candles in your home. They look and smell like real candles.

## IF YOU DO BURN CANDLES, make sure that you...

- »»» Use candle holders that are sturdy, and won't tip over easily.
- »»» Put candle holders on a sturdy, uncluttered surface.
- »»» Light candles carefully. Keep your hair and any loose clothing away from the flame.
- »»» Don't burn a 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.



## CANDLES AND KIDS

Never leave a child alone in a room with a burning candle. Keep matches and lighters up high and out of children's reach, in a locked cabinet.



## FACTS

- ❗ On average, a candle fire in the home is reported to a U.S. fire department every 34 minutes.
- ❗ Thirty-eight percent (38%) 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.



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