Candle Safety

A candle is an open flame, meaning that it can easily ignite anything that can burn. If you do burn candles, make sure that you:

+ Never leave a burning candle unattended - not even for a few moments.
+ Use non-combustible, sturdy containers/holders to secure candles; place them on an uncluttered, solid and steady surface.
+ Light candles carefully and be mindful of long hair and loose clothing near the flame.
+ Never use a candle if oxygen is used in the home.
+ Never leave a child or pet alone in a room with a burning candle.
+ Keep matches and lighters up high and out of children’s reach.
+ Don’t burn a candle all the way down to the base of the holder.
+ Candle wicks should be cut to approximately a quarter inch prior to lighting.
+ Never use candles during a power outage; instead, have flashlights and battery-operated lighting on stand-by for emergencies.

Consider using flameless candles in your home. Not only are they safer, but they can also look and smell like real candles.

Religious Candle Safety

+ Do not pass handheld candles from one person to another person.
+ When lighting candles at a candle lighting service, have the person with the unlit candle dip their candle into the flame of the lit candle.
+ Do not place lit candles in windows where blinds, drapes or curtains can catch fire.
+ Candles placed on or near tables, altars or shrines, must be watched by an adult.
+ If a candle must burn continuously, ensure it is enclosed in a glass container and placed in a sink, on a metal tray or in a deep basin filled with water.

Quick Tips

+ Blow out all candles when you leave the room or go to bed.
+ Avoid using candles in the bedroom and other areas where people may fall asleep.
+ Keep candles at least 1 foot away from anything that can burn.
+ Consider using flameless, battery-operated candles in your home.

Plan and Practice

Always know two ways out of each room.

Smoke Alarms

Test your alarms monthly.