

Candle Safety Considerations

Candles provide a warm ambiance for an intimate dinner, a sparkling decoration for a birthday cake or a nice aroma of cinnamon during the holidays. Ambiance aside, candles can be a fire hazard if they are left unattended or placed in areas of the home in which they can start other objects on fire. Your best bet? Learn to use candles safely.

Candle Safety Tips

The cardinal rule is that candles should only be for adults to use since they are a major fire hazard. If you enjoy candles, here are some other safety tips that illuminate some ways to enjoy them safely:

Always blow out candles before leaving the house, going to bed or when leaving the room in which a child or pet is present.

Do not allow children to light candles in their bedrooms unsupervised.



Safety First

Since matches and lighters are a major fire hazard in addition to lit candles, keep these items in a cabinet out of a child's reach. Teach your children that candles, matches and lighters are not toys and should be used only by an adult who knows how to use them safely.

Never light candles when you are under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol. These substances may inhibit your ability to decipher when you are using candles in a hazardous manner.

Do not place candles on a Christmas tree or on evergreens during the holidays since they could start the limbs or pines on fire.

Use nonflammable, stable candle holders or hurricane glass holders to hold candles and protect open flames.

Place candles on a stable surface where they cannot be knocked over easily, blown down or reached by children and/or pets.

Place candles away from flammable items such as drapery, sheets, towels and carpeting.

Do not throw away a candle in the trash to extinguish and/or dispose of it. Instead, blow it out and then wet the wick before tossing it out.

Practicing candle safety is just one of the many ways to protect your home and its contents. To make sure you are covered, no matter the mishap, contact us today.

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