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Candle Safety A Guide for Consumers

Candles are very popular today. They are used to enhance the aesthetics of a home, for mood lighting, emergency lighting and they smell good. If left alone however, they can cause pain, anguish by causing very serious fires. Here are some tips on how to enjoy your candles and keep your family safe.

Place all candle types on a protected, heat-resistant, dry surface, away from combustible materials and out of the reach of children or pets.

- If you light a candle, attend to your candle. An adult should remain in the room while the candle is burning for safety sake.
- The candle must be extinguished before leaving the house, leaving the room or going to sleep.
- Maintain candles no less than three (3) feet away from anything that can burn.
- Always use stable candle-holders. If possible use a hurricane glass to protect the open flame.
- Keep candles out of reach of children and pets. Place candles where they will not be knocked down or blown over.
- Matches and lighters can be deadly in the hands of a child.
- If there are children in the home, store candles, matches, lighters and other fire-starters out of their sight and out of their reach.

Store Candles, Lighters, Matches and other fire starters in a locked cabinet.

- Never allow children to keep or use candles or incense burners in their rooms.
- Candle jar glass is fragile, the glass is thin, delicate and fractures easily when heat is applied. Handle with care.

When candle wax is 1/2 inch from the bottom of the jar – don't hesitate, throw it away. It is time to purchase a new candle.

- Never, never, burn jar candles, when the wax is 1/2 inch from the bottom of the jar, melted wax is hot enough to break the glass and flood furniture with flammable liquid wax.
- Never, never use open flame candles, near greenery, flags, streamers, or decorations.
- Battery operated candles are a splendid alternative for proximal use near decorations, greenery or use near curtains, bedding or furniture.



Maintain working smoke detectors and a working fire extinguisher in close proximity to any heat source or open flame.