

**NEVER LEAVE A CANDLE UNATTENDED**

# CANDLE SAFETY



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FIRE PREVENTION AND LIFE SAFETY EDUCATION



**How does a small flame become a large fire?**

More than 33 % of candle fires occurred when the candles were left unattended or abandoned.

Roughly 25 % of the fires occurred because something combustible such as curtains or paper was too close to the flame.

Half the people killed by candle fires in the home were younger than 20, with most of the victims between the ages of 5 and 9.

## CANDLE FIRES ARE PREVENTABLE

### CANDLE SAFETY CHECK LIST

- ✓ Place candles at least 4 feet away from curtains, draperies, decorations, blinds and bedding.
- ✓ Place candles out of reach of small children and pets.
- ✓ Extinguish candles before leaving the room.
- ✓ Use candles with flame protective non-combustible shades or globes.
- ✓ Use a sturdy metal, glass or ceramic candle.
- ✓ Avoid the use of candles with embedded combustible decorative items.
- ✓ Refrain from using decorative/floral candle rings.
- ✓ Extinguish candles when they burn within two inches of the holder.
- ✓ Never leaving burning candles unattended.

### IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY, DO NOT USE CANDLES TO LIGHT YOUR HOME.

**ONE-THIRD OF THE PEOPLE KILLED IN CANDLE FIRES WERE USING THEM FOR LIGHT DUE TO NO POWER.**

- Be prepared by having flashlights and batteries available in your home.
- Have flashlights accessible in the kitchen and bedroom.
- Carry a flashlight in your car and a small light on your person.

### UNATTENDED CANDLES = FIRE DANGER



**Candles should always be placed out of reach of children and don't allow teens to have candles in their bedrooms.**



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