

Candle Safety

Candle use is very popular. With the increase of use comes an increase of risk for fire. Here are some tips to keep your use of candles safe.

- Use candle holders that are sturdy, which will not tip over easily. They should be large enough to collect dripping wax and made of a material that will not burn.
- Place candles on a sturdy, uncluttered surface. Keep away from edges where they could be knocked over by children or pets.
- Keep candle wicks trimmed to ¼ inch.
- Extinguish candles when they burn down to within two inches of their holder of any decorative material.
- Keep combustible materials at least one foot away and keep candles away from flammable liquids.
- Never leave a burning candle unattended. Extinguish all candles when you leave the room or go to bed.
- Use of candles in bedrooms is discouraged. Almost half of all candle fires occur in bedrooms.

Never melt wax in a pan, on a stove, or any other unapproved method. Doing so may create dangerously high temperatures which could cause spontaneous ignition of the melted wax. Wax should be melted using a double boiler, or an approved melting device.