

LIVING SAFELY

Candles



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CANDLE SAFETY

Fires happen when candles are in use because:

- They are left unattended.
- We fall asleep without putting them out.
- We don't use the right kind of holders.
- We put them too close to clothing and furnishings.

These simple tips will help you to use candles safely:

- Tealights and nightlights in foil containers need to be placed in another suitable holder as they can melt through plastic materials. Tealights burn for four hours, nightlights for about eight hours, increasing the amount of heat given out. Be careful not to use nightlights in oil aromatherapy burners.
- Never leave a burning candle or oil burner in a child's bedroom.
- Keep candles out of draughts and away from furnishings and clothing.
- Keep candles and matches or lighters out of the reach of children.
- When re-lighting candles trim the wick and extinguish it if it starts to smoke.
- If using more than one candle allow 100mm between each one.
- Never burn a candle right down into the holder.
- You increase the risk of fire or injury if you move a candle while it is lit.
- Always put votive and scented candles in a glass or metal holder as they liquefy to release their fragrance.
- Be aware of the risk to clothing when celebration candles are in use.
- In the garden, keep children and pets away from garden candles and lanterns.

Whatever the occasion, whatever the time of year, enjoy using candles safely.

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