

Candle Safety



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Whether you are using candles to scent or decorate a room, or as a religious symbol, these popular home accessories can be dangerous. Reduce the risk of causing a fire by following our safety messages and advice:

- ✔ After you have lit a candle, keep matches and lighters out of the reach of children
- ✔ Make sure the candle is standing up straight and is firmly fixed in a proper holder so it can't fall over
- ✔ Scented candles, including many Shabbos candles, turn to liquid in order to release their fragrance, so always burn them in a suitable glass or metal container that will not leak the liquid and can withstand the heat from it
- ✔ Always place candles on a heat resistant surface - nightlights and tea lights can melt plastic surfaces, such as on the side of a bath tub or on the top of a television
- ✔ Keep candles out of draughts, blowing curtains and other sources of heat or direct sunlight
- ✔ Extinguish candles before they burn into holders
- ✔ Always put candles out before you move them - using a 'snuffer' or a spoon is safer than blowing them out, which can send sparks and hot wax flying
- ✔ Burn all candles well out of reach of children and pets
- ✔ Always remember to extinguish candles before leaving the room or before you go to bed
- ✔ Consider an extra smoke alarm in the rooms where you burn candles
- ✘ NEVER leave a lit candle unattended
- ✘ NEVER lean across a candle - you could set your hair or clothes on fire
- ✘ Never place candles under shelves or other surfaces
- ✘ NEVER use outdoor candles indoors
- ✘ NEVER play with candles

Remember if there is a fire in your home
get out, call us out and call 999



**For free home safety advice, call us now on freephone
0800 555 815**

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