

CANDLE SAFETY

SAFE AND WELL

Fit a smoke alarm on every level of your home and test your alarms weekly. A working smoke alarm can buy you valuable time to get out, stay out and call 999. If you are caring for someone who doesn't understand what the smoke alarm is for, or wouldn't be able to respond in the event of a fire, make sure that you arrange a Safe and Well visit, with their permission, to look at solutions.



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FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service visits households across Greater Manchester to provide advice on fire safety and to keep you safe and well at home.

If you haven't already had your Safe and Well visit and want further information, please telephone **0800 555 815** or send an email to contact@manchesterfire.gov.uk.

Alternatively you can visit our website at: manchesterfire.gov.uk

Lots of people use candles to scent or brighten up their home, or as a symbol during religious festivals. However, if you don't take care they can cause serious fires.

It's safer to use battery operated / LED candles, but if you're using wax candles you can reduce the risk of fire by following our advice:

- ✔ Keep matches and lighters out of reach of children.
- ✔ Burn all candles well out of reach of children and pets.
- ✔ Make sure the candle is standing up straight and is firmly fixed in a proper holder, so it can't fall over.
- ✔ Always place candles on a heat resistant surface. Tea lights get very hot and can melt plastic surfaces, including baths and TVs.
- ✔ If your candle is part of a table decoration, take extra care and do not let the candle burn down.
- ✔ 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.
- ✔ Keep candles out of draughts and away from fabrics, such as blowing curtains, and other sources of heat or direct sunlight.
- ✔ Always remember to extinguish candles before leaving the room, before they burn into holders, or before you go to bed.
- ✔ 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.

- ✔ Ensure that children are kept away from candles, especially if they are wearing fancy dress costumes.
- ✔ Consider an extra smoke alarm in the rooms where you burn candles.
- ✔ Avoid burning candles close together, as this might cause the flame to flare.
- ✘ 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.

If a fire starts in your home, remember: get out, stay out and call 999.

ENJOY YOURSELF
but remember – candles can cause fire

