

Candle Safety Tips

- Do not place candles near combustible materials. Maintain at least 12 inches between the lit candle and anything that can burn.
- Place candles in sturdy glass or ceramic containers that will not tip over.
- Place candles on a flat, sturdy, and uncluttered surface.
- Keep all candles, matches, lighters, and other ignition sources out of reach of children.
- **Never** leave children unattended in a room with an open flame candle.
- Do not place candles on window ledges or near entryways. The potential air draft can “fan” the flame, catching curtains or other materials on fire.
- Do keep burning candles within sight at all times. Candles can present fire hazards outdoors on decks and patios as well as inside your home.
- Do not use candles in the bedroom and other areas where you could normally fall asleep.
- **Always** extinguish candles before leaving the home and before going to bed.
- **Never** use a candle, or any open flame device, if oxygen is used in the home.
- Be ready for a power outage with a supply of flashlights and batteries – do not use candles as the primary source of light during a power outage.

For commercial occupancies, an operational permit is required to use open flames or candles in connection with assembly areas, dining areas of restaurants or drinking establishments.

Contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at (925) 941-3300 for more information or to obtain a permit.