

## CANDLE SAFETY TIPS

Candles may be pretty to look at but they are a cause of home fires AND home fire deaths. Remember, a candle is an open flame, which means that it can easily ignite anything that can burn.

- Blow out all candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Avoid the use of candles in the bedroom and other areas where people may fall asleep.
- Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn.

If you do burn candles, make sure that you...

- Use candle holders that are sturdy, and won't tip over easily
- Put candle holders on a sturdy, uncluttered surface.
- Light candles carefully. Keep your hair and any loose clothing away from the flame.
- Don't burn a candle all the way down; put it out before it gets too close to the holder or container
- Never use a candle if oxygen is used in the home
- Have flashlights and battery-powered lighting ready to use during a power outage. Never use candles