



## FIRE SAFETY INFO BULLETIN

### CAMPUS SAFETY CAMPAIGN: Candle Fire Safety

If a **fire** should occur...



**Get Out**



**Stay Out**



**Stay Alive**

**STAY SAFE  
ON CAMPUS!**

Most universities do not allow candles in dormitories for good reason: they often cause fires when left burning unattended or placed too close to combustible materials.



If you are using candles in your off-campus home, use them safely.

- Extinguish candles when you leave the room or going to sleep
- Keep candles away from drapes, books and papers or other flammable objects
- Place candles on a flat surface where they will not be accidentally overturned
- Use a candleholder to catch hot wax (remember, hot liquids burn like fire!)
- Ceiling fans and vents can cause air currents which cause rapid, uneven burning and dripping
- Extinguish the flame when the candle burns low, before the wick holder is visible



According to the National Fire Protection Association, in 2005 U.S. fire departments responded to over 15,000 home structure fires that were started by candles. These fires caused 150 civilian fire deaths; 1,270 civilian fire injuries; and \$539 million in direct property damage.





## PREVENT Candle Fires—Follow the Circle of Safety



## NFPA Safety Tips

- Keep candles at least 12 inches from anything that can burn.
- Use sturdy, safe candleholders.
- Never leave a burning candle unattended. Extinguish candles when you leave a room.
- Be careful not to splatter wax when extinguishing a candle.
- Avoid using candles in bedrooms and sleeping areas.
- Always use a flashlight, not a candle, for emergency lighting.
- Consider using battery-operated flameless candles.



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