

Candle Safety

- Consider using flameless, battery operated candles.
- Educate children to stay away from open flames.
- Make sure an adult is in the room and paying attention if you decide to burn candles. Make sure these candles are out of reach of children.
- Lock away all matches and lighters
- Do not use candles to decorate your porch, lawn or walkway. This can cause decorations, leaves or other combustible materials to catch fire.
- Check manufacturer instructions, or call manufacturer, before utilizing flameless candles outdoors.
- Do not use candles to decorate Christmas trees.
- Remember to stop immediately, drop to the ground and roll repeatedly from side to side should your clothing or hair catch on fire. Have children practice this technique, using their hands to cover and protect their eyes, nose and mouth. If a sleeve(s) or arm(s) is on fire, put that arm(s) down to your side when performing stop, drop and roll.

THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION HAS THESE ADDITIONAL 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.

Safety tips:

Candle with care

- 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.

For additional fire and life safety information, please contact the North Shore Fire Department, Public Education office at jglanz@nsfire.org or 414-228-0292, or visit one of these websites:

www.nsfire.org

www.nfpa.org

www.homesafetycouncil.org