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# Candles

## Face the facts

Candles used for any reason including decoration, aromatherapy or lighting can pose a fire risk.

- Make sure candles are extinguished when leaving the room or going to sleep;
- Never let children have lit candles in their room;
- Do not have candles where they can be knocked over by children or pets,
- Never spray an aerosol can near a candle;
- Keep matches and lighters high up and out of the way of children;
- Try to avoid walking with a candle ; and
- Do not put candles on windowsills.

## **REMEMBER: Candles can pose a fire risk**



Candles, when used safely, create ambiance, but can also create a fire risk.

If you must use candles, keep burning candles one metre away from furniture, drapes, bedding, carpet and other flammable materials.

Always use a proper candleholder that is heat resistant, sturdy and large enough to hold dripping wax, especially on wooden furniture or cloth covered surfaces.

Flashlights and battery powered lights are a safer light source than candles during a power failure.

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