



## CANDLE FIRE SAFETY RULES

- **Always keep a burning candle within sight.** Extinguish all candles when leaving a room or before going to sleep. Be sure the wick ember is no longer glowing
- **Never burn a candle on or near anything that can catch fire.** Keep burning candles away from furniture, drapes, bedding, carpets, books, paper, flammable decorations, etc.
- **Keep burning candles out of the reach of children and pets.**
- **Trim candlewicks to ¼ inch each time before burning.** Long or crooked wicks can cause uneven burning and dripping.
- **Always use a candleholder specifically designed for candle use.** The holder should be heat resistant, sturdy, and large enough to contain any drips or melted wax.
- **Be sure the candleholder is placed on a stable, heat-resistant surface.** This can help prevent heat damage to underlying surfaces and prevent glass containers from breaking.
- **Keep the wax pool free of wick trimmings, matches and debris at all times.**
- **Always read and follow the manufacturer's use and safety instructions carefully.** Don't burn a candle longer than the manufacturer recommends.
- **Keep burning candles away from drafts, vents, ceiling fans and air currents.** This will help prevent rapid, uneven burning, and avoid flame flare-ups and sooting. Drafts can also blow nearby lightweight items into the flame where they could catch fire.
- **Always burn candles in a well-ventilated room.** Don't burn too many candles in a small room or in a "tight" home where air exchange is limited.
- **Don't burn a candle all the way down.** Extinguish the flame if it comes too close to the holder or container. For a margin of safety, discontinue burning a candle when 2 inches of wax remains or ½ inch if in a container.
- **Never touch or move a burning candle or container candle when the wax is liquid.**
- **Never use a knife or sharp object to remove wax drippings from a glass holder.** It might scratch, weaken, or cause the glass to break upon subsequent use.
- **Place burning candles at least three inches apart from one another.** This helps ensure they don't melt one another, or create their own drafts to cause improper burning.
- **Use a snuffer to extinguish a candle.** It's the safest way to prevent hot wax splatters.
- **Never extinguish candles with water.** The water can cause the hot wax to splatter and might cause a glass container to break.
- **Be very careful if using candles during a power outage.** Flashlights and other battery-powered lights are safer sources of light during a power failure.
- **Extinguish a candle if it repeatedly smokes, flickers, or the flame becomes too high.** The candle isn't burning properly. Cool, trim the wick, then check for drafts before relighting.
- **Never use a candle as a night light.**