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BE SAFE WITH CANDLES



People have safely enjoyed using candles for centuries. Their colors and scents enhance everyday life and evoke memories of special events. Candles are a source of light and delight when used properly and according to manufacturers' directions.

According to U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), the soaring popularity of candles has led to an increase in reported candle fires. The USFA currently estimates that candles are responsible for approximately 10,000 residential fires each year, along with 1,000 civilian injuries, 85 fatalities and \$120 million in property loss.

ALWAYS KEEP A BURNING CANDLE WITHIN SIGHT.

NEVER BURN A CANDLE ON OR NEAR ANYTHING THAT CAN CATCH FIRE.

KEEP BURNING CANDLES OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN OR PETS.



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We Will Never Forget

Some additional tips that will help you use and enjoy candles safely are:

Always read and follow the manufacturer's instructions carefully.

Trim wicks to 1/4 inch prior to each use.

Always use an appropriate candleholder place on a stable, heat-resistant surface.

Keep burning candles away from drafts, vents and air currents.

Extinguish a candle if it smokes, flickers repeatedly, or the flame becomes too high.

Keep the wax pool free of wick trimmings, matches and debris at all times.

Do not burn a candle for longer than the manufacturer recommends.

Always burn candles in a well-ventilated room.

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 (1/2 inch if in a container).