

# Snuff Out Candle Fires



Most candle fires start when things that can burn are **too close to the candle.**

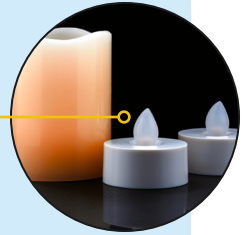
Install **smoke** and **carbon monoxide** alarms on every storey of your home.

**Test them every month.**



## How do I prevent a candle fire?

- **Never leave a burning candle unattended.** Burning candles can start a fire.
- Consider using **battery-operated flameless candles**, which can look, smell and feel like real candles.
- When using candles place them in **sturdy, safe containers** that will not burn or tip over.
- Keep candles at least **30 centimetres (12 inches)** from anything that can burn.
- Keep children and pets away from burning candles.
- Candles placed on or near tables, altars or shrines must be **kept under the supervision of an adult.**
- **Avoid using candles in bedrooms.** Blow out all candles when you leave a room or go to bed.



Use a **flashlight** instead of a candle for **emergency lighting.**



For more information contact your **local fire department.**



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