



CANDLE FIRES ARE PREVENTABLE!

Candle Fire Safety Tips

- Make sure candles are in sturdy holders and put out after each use.
- Never leave a burning candle unattended.
- Always use a flashlight – not a candle – for emergency lighting.
- Keep candles at least 12 inches from anything that can burn.
- Use flameless candles, which are both safe and attractive.

Did You Know?

Candle fires are the fourth leading cause of campus fires behind cooking, arson and smoking.

The U.S. Fire Administration reports that 20 percent of university housing fires in bedrooms are started by candles.

Despite the fact that candles are now banned at most colleges, candles remain a key ignition source for campus fires.

More than half of all candle fires occur when a combustible material is too close to the candle, with the most common materials being bedding and curtains.

Falling asleep was a factor in a quarter of candle fire fatalities – extinguish all candles before going to sleep.

Visit www.usfa.fema.gov/college
to learn more.