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## Candle safety

As we move past Halloween, people start to think about Thanksgiving and the Christmas season. People begin decorating their homes and workplaces. Many times these decorations include festive candles and candle holders. In this month's article, your firefighters want to draw your attention to candle safety.

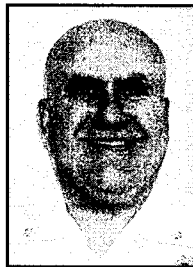
Did you know?

- Eighty-two percent of all fire deaths occur in the home.
- The bedroom is the most common room in the house where candle fires start.
- Deaths due to candle fires are preventable.
- Having a working smoke alarm reduces one's chance of dying in a fire by nearly one-half.

Following these simple fire safety tips can increase your survival rate dramatically.

### Life-saving tips for candle burning

- Install a smoke alarm on every level of your home. Test



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smoke alarm batteries every month and change them at least once a year. Consider installing a 10-year lithium battery-powered smoke alarm, which is sealed so it cannot be tampered with or opened.

- Put out candles after use with a flame snuffer to avoid burn injuries.
- Keep candles out of reach of children and pets. Children are one of the highest risk groups for death in residential fires.
- Teach your children the dangers of fires and candles
- Keep lit candles away from

bedding, curtains, papers and anything else that can ignite easily.

- Ensure candles are in sturdy metal, glass or ceramic holders and put where they cannot be tipped over.
- Never leave a lit candle unattended.
- In case of a fire, stay low to the ground beneath the smoke,

and have an escape plan already worked out ahead of time. Get out, stay out and call 9-1-1 from a neighbor's home

- Keep your home, especially the bedrooms, fire safe.

Have a fire safe holiday season

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