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## Candle Safety



- Do not leave burning candles unattended
- Keep candles, matches and lighters away from children
- Use sturdy candleholders that won't tip over or ignite
- Keep lit candles at least one foot away from combustibles (curtains, etc)
- Trim candle wicks to one-quarter inch before lighting
- Do not move a burning candle
- Properly extinguish candles. Use a candle snuffer, not water
- Wait for wick to stop glowing before leaving the room
- If the height of the flame escalates, extinguish the uncontrolled flame immediately
- In a power outage flashlights are safer than candles
- Do not use candles as night lights
- Candles should not be lit for more than four hours at a time
- Light candles on heat resistance surfaces
- Immediately discard candles if the glass holder becomes cracked

