

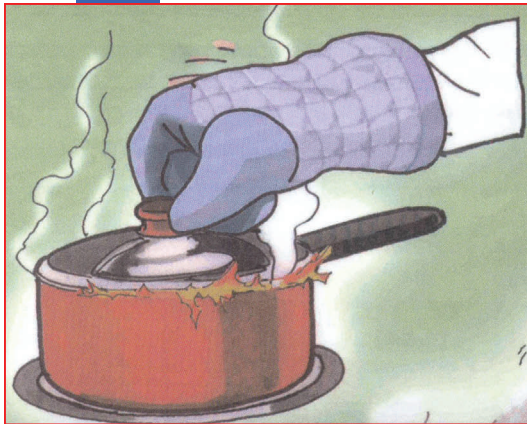


KITCHEN COOKING FIRE SAFETY

The preparation of the home cooked meal is the leading cause of home fires and fire injuries. Unattended cooking accounts for 33% of these fires. Other leading causes are placing combustible items too close to the heat source and various electrical defects.

There are a variety of situations that lead to unattended cooking fires. The most common is when the cook becomes distracted and leaves the kitchen. The most common distractions are attending to children, answering phone calls, watching television and answering doorbells.

Use a lid or baking soda to smother a fire!



In order to drastically reduce your risk of a cooking fire, follow this recipe for safety:

While cooking:

- ◆ Stay in the kitchen, don't leave cooking food unattended. Stand by your pan!
- ◆ Wear short or tight fitting sleeves. (Long loose sleeves are more likely to catch on fire or get caught on pot handles).
- ◆ Don't become distracted.
- ◆ Enforce a "kid-free-zone" of 3 feet around your stove. Turn pot handles inward facing the wall to prevent burns caused by overturning or spills.
- ◆ Keep the area around the stove clear of towels, papers, pot holders or anything that could burn.
- ◆ Cook at indicated temperature settings rather than higher settings.
- ◆ Regularly clean your cooking equipment so that there are no cooking materials, food items or grease accumulation.
- ◆ Have a pot lid handy to smother a pan fire. **Do not attempt to pick up the pot or pan!** Shut off the heat and cover the fire with a lid.
- ◆ Do not use water. It will cause splashing and spread the fire.

Fire Safety Begins in the Home

- ✓ Install Smoke Detectors
- ✓ Have A Home Escape Plan
- ✓ Conduct A Home Safety Inspection



**In case of fire...
Call the Fire Department
DIAL 911**

REMEMBER:

By planning ahead, you can do a lot to prevent a fire. But once a fire starts in your home, there are only three things to do: first - get out, close the door behind you, then call 911 from a neighbor's home. Don't go back into a burning building, no matter what. If you think someone is trapped inside, tell the firefighters when they arrive.

Informational Source: NYFD

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A Public Fire Safety Message from the Bloomington Fire Department

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CANDLE FIRE SAFETY

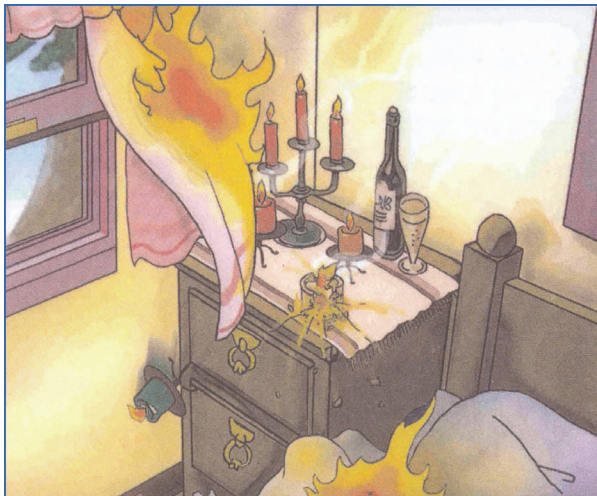
Candle fires are on the rise. While other causes for home fires have decreased, the percentage caused by candles has tripled in the past ten years.

These candle fires were preventable !

How does a little flame become so dangerous?



More than 33 % of candle fires occurred when the candles were left unattended or abandoned. Roughly 25% of the fires occurred because something combustible such as curtains or paper was too close to the flame. Half the people killed by candle fires in the home were younger than 20, with most of the victims between the ages of 5 and 9.



UNATTENDED CANDLES = FIRE DANGER

Candle Safety Check List



If you burn candles for decorative purposes or ritual purposes, make your home safer:

- ✓ Use candles with flame protective non-combustible shades or globes.
- ✓ Use a sturdy metal, glass or ceramic candle holder.
- ✓ Avoid the use of candles with embedded combustible decorative items.
- ✓ Place candles at least 4 feet away from curtains, draperies, decorations, blinds and bedding.
- ✓ Place candles out of reach of small children and pets.
- ✓ Refrain from using decorative/floral candle rings.
- ✓ Extinguish candles before leaving the room.
- ✓ Extinguish candles when they burn within two inches of the holder.
- ✓ Never leave burning candles unattended.

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY, DO NOT USE CANDLES TO LIGHT YOUR HOME.

One-third of the people killed in candle fires were using them for light due to no power.

- Be prepared by having flashlights and batteries available in your home.
- Have the flashlights accessible in the kitchen and bedroom.
- You should carry a flashlight in your car and also carry a small light on your person.

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