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More than 50 fires a day are started by candles. Read our top tips to keep your home safe.

- Make sure candles are secured in a fire resistant holder and away from materials that may catch fire – like furniture and curtains.
- Keep loose clothing and hair away from candles/tea lights when they are lit.
- Always leave at least 10cm between burning candles/tea lights and never place them under shelves or other enclosed spaces.
- Put candles out when you leave the room and make sure they're put out completely before you go to bed.
- Never leave burning candles unattended.
- Never burn a candle right down into the holder.



- Use a snuffer or a spoon to put out candles. It's safer than blowing them out when sparks can fly.
- Never use candles in or near a tent.
- You increase the risk of fire or injury if you move a candle while it is lit. Always put candles/tea lights out and leave to cool down before you try to move them.
- Keep candles, matches and lighters away from children and pets.

The above safety advice can also apply to joss sticks, oil and incense burners.

Tea lights

Tea lights present a high risk. They have a foil outer container; however this is not a suitable holder. This foil container can get extremely hot and melt surfaces on which it is placed such as the side of a bath. Ensure tea lights are placed in proper holders.

