

Please be careful with candles



Keep candles away from draughts and anything that can easily catch fire, such as furniture and curtains.



Place candles and tea lights in sensible holders on a heat-resistant surface – even if they are already in a glass.



Never leave candles unattended, and put them out completely at night or if you are going to have a nap or leave the room.



Use a snuffer or spoon to put candles out. It's safer than blowing them out, which can send wax and sparks flying.



Keep children and pets away from candles and don't lean across candles – they can set fire to clothes and hair.



Keep a battery-operated light or torch handy in the event of a power cut – they are much safer than candles.



Talk to children about fire safety. They should not touch or play with matches and lighters – keep out of reach.



Never use candles in or near a tent, and don't smoke in or near a tent.



Fit smoke alarms on every level of your home at ceiling level, but not too near the kitchen.



Check your smoke alarms every month by pushing the "test" button.



Plan an escape route, and make sure everyone knows it. Do it now rather than when there's an emergency.



If a fire breaks out, get everyone out, stay out and call 999. Practise your escape plan.

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