

Candle, Oil Burner and Incense Safety



Candles, incense and oil burners are used for social, cultural and religious practices. It is vital when using these items that you do so safely to avoid starting fire.

General Safety Tips

- ensure children and animals are a safe distance from candles, incense and oil burners
- only use candles, incense and oil burners on stable, non-combustible surfaces
- keep curtains and other combustibles away from open flames at all times
- never leave an open flame unattended
- keep lighters and matches out of reach of children
- always extinguish candles, incense and oil burners before leaving home or going to sleep.

Candles

- always use a candleholder specifically designed for candle use. Candle holders should be heat resistant, sturdy and large enough to catch and contain any drips or melted wax.
- candles should not be burnt for long periods of time
- candles should only be burnt in a draft free area.
- never move a lit or recently extinguished candle. The hot, melted wax, as well as the flame itself, can cause serious burns.
- always follow the manufacturers instructions when using a candle.

Incense and Tea Light Oil Burners

- do not touch or move an oil burner when lit
- keep combustible items away from a lit oil burner or incense..
- never allow an oil burner to boil dry.
- ensure your oil burner and or incense has adequate ventilation when in use.
- keep incense away from open windows or areas that are exposed to a draft
- never burn incense inside closets or have anything hanging above burning incense.

