

SAFETY CORNER

Candles

Candles create a soothing and beautiful ambience, but they can also be deadly.

According to National Fire Protection Association data from 2009 to 2013, candles caused 6% of home fire deaths. Remember **C-A-N-D-L-E** for your safety:

Check that candleholders you use are heat resistant.

Avoid using candles in the bedroom — more than one-third of fires start in bedrooms.

Never place candles near flammable items including books, curtains and paper — 58% of home candle fires started this way.

Don't place candles near drafts and fans.

Limit candle use around small children and pets. **Better yet:** Don't light candles unless you're providing 100% supervision.

Extinguish candles before leaving the room. Make sure wicks are no longer glowing.

