

# OCTOBER FIRE PREVENTION MONTH!

## FIRE SAFETY TIPS

Candles are a leading cause of house fires. Candle fires dramatically increase during holiday and cold weather months. Fire Prevention awareness is the best way to protect your home from a deadly fire caused by candles.

Clackamas Fire District #1



Your Friend for Life!



Never leave candles unattended.

Make sure a grown-up is always in the room when a candle is burning.

If a grown-up leaves the room, make sure he or she puts out the candle first. \* Most candle fires start when candles are left unattended.

Set up a 'kid-free' zone around burning candles: no playing with or near candles, with candle wax, or with things that could catch fire near candles.

Keep candles at least a foot away from anything that could catch on fire.

Don't put candles in windows or doorways where the wind could knock them over, or blow things into them that could catch on fire.

Keep matches and lighters up high, out of children's sight and reach, preferably in a locked cabinet.

Make sure to use candles and candle holders that are sturdy and won't tip over easily, and are big enough to catch any wax that drips from the candle.

Don't let kids light candles (and grown-ups should be careful to keep hair and any loose clothing away from the flame).

Make sure you have developed and practiced your home escape plan.

Make sure your home is equipped with multiple working smoke alarms. Smoke alarms should be in every bedroom, outside every bedroom and on every level of your home.



**Use Candles With Care  
When You Go Out... BLOW IT OUT!**

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