Burning candles can be dangerous

Every year in Canada, fires are started because candles are left burning with no one watching. Fires are caused when flames from burning candles touch nearby curtains, party decorations or clothing. Also, fires are started when the candle wax gets so hot it catches fire.

Keep matches, lighters and burning candles out of reach of children.



- Don't leave burning candles unattended.
- Cut the candle wick short to prevent a high flame.
- Candles with more than one wick close to one another are not safe and should not be used.
- Place candles where they can't be knocked down.
- Don't place burning candles on or near anything that can catch fire.

Candle holders:

- Use sturdy candle holders that won't easily tip over.
- Place candles firmly in candle holders.
- Don't use wood or plastic candle holders, they can catch fire. Metal candle holders are safer.
- Be careful with glass candle holders, they can break if the candle flame gets too hot.

If your clothes catch fire,



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