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Treat lighted candles as you would any other flame – with care!

- Keep candles out of reach of children and animals.
- Always use a heat resistant holder on a stable surface, which won't be knocked over.
- Keep candles away from materials that may catch fire - such as curtains, furniture, clothes, particularly fancy dress costumes, and hair.
- Always put scented candles in a heat resistant holder. These candles are designed to liquefy when heated to maximise fragrance.
- Make sure you put out any candles when you leave the room and especially before bed.
- Never leave a lit candle unattended.
- Never put tea lights onto plastic surfaces like a TV or bath - tea lights can melt through plastic.
- Never use candles near windows decorated with cobwebs, or near paper costumes used for party decoration. To make sure you stay really safe from fire, why not use electrical candles instead.

If you do have a fire, a working smoke alarm can give you the vital time you need to get out, stay out, and call 999.

Keep yourself and everyone around you safe by testing your alarm regularly and by planning and practising an escape route.



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