

Winter Residential Fire Safety

Did You Know...

- Winter residential building fires result in an estimated average of approximately **945 deaths, 3,825 injuries, and \$1.7 billion in property loss** each year.*
- Winter residential building fires occur mainly in the early evening hours, peaking from **5 to 8 p.m.***
- December is the peak time of year for home candle fires. In December, **13 percent of home candle fires begin with decorations** compared to 4 percent the rest of the year.**

*USFA's "Winter Residential Building Fires" report

**NFPA's "Home Candle Fires" report



Candle Fire Safety

By following these candle fire safety tips, everyone can enjoy a safe and happy holiday season:

- If possible, avoid using lighted candles. Flameless candles are a good alternative — they look and smell like real candles.
- Use candleholders that are sturdy and won't tip over easily.
- Be sure to extinguish candles after each use.
- Never leave burning candles unattended.



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