

# Candle Safety in the Home

Did you  
know?

Brock University  
has an open  
flame policy? No  
candles should be  
used on campus  
without a permit.

In most cases, candles caused house fires when left unattended or if tipped over. Children playing near open flames are a large contributing factor to house fires.

In Canada, approximately **37% of all fire losses** occur in the home. While there may be many causes of fire in the home, a large number are due to candles

## The following steps should be taken to minimize your risk:

- Never leave candles unattended
- Trim candle wicks to 5-7mm before and during burning
- Avoid buying candles with multiple wicks
- Use well ventilated candle holders that will not tip over
- Keep candles 1m away from combustible materials
- Extinguish candles before you leave or go to sleep
- Do not burn candles with lead in the wick. Always ask retailer if unsure
- Avoid using decorative oil lamps if there are children under 5 in the home to minimize the risk of them swallowing the fuel
- Teach children to be cautious around open flame.

