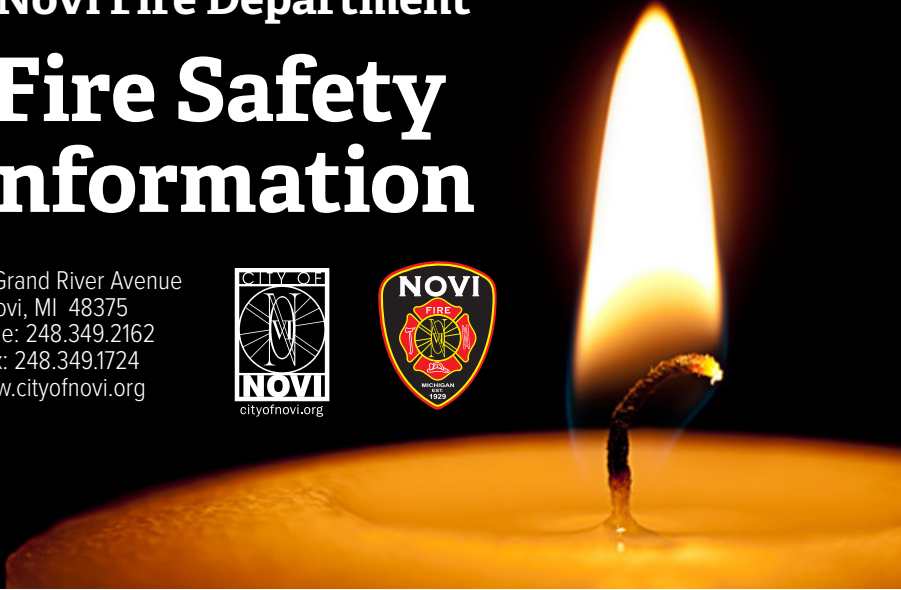


Novi Fire Department

Fire Safety

Information

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LIT CANDLES ARE USED IN RELIGIOUS SERVICES, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND IN THE HOME. WHETHER YOU ARE USING ONE CANDLE, OR MORE THAN ONE ON A CANDELABRA, KINARA, OR MENORAH, MAKE SURE YOU TAKE A FEW MOMENTS TO LEARN ABOUT USING CANDLES SAFELY.

GENERAL FIRE SAFETY

- Matches and lighters should be stored out of the reach of children, in a locked cabinet.
- Places of worship should be equipped with a fire detection and sprinkler system.
- A home should have smoke alarms on every level, outside each sleeping area and inside each bedroom. For the best protection, interconnect the alarms, so when one sounds, they all sound. Test all smoke alarms at least monthly by pushing the test button. Replace smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.
- Plan and practice a home fire escape drill that includes two ways out of every room and an outside meeting place.

CHILDREN & CANDLES

Candles should be out of the reach of children and pets. Young children should never hold a lit candle. Consider providing battery-operated candles for children. A parent should decide when a child is mature enough to light a candle with adult supervision.

Think about using flameless candles in your home. They look and smell like real candles.

CANDLE SAFETY

- Candles should be placed in a sturdy candle holder.
- Handheld candles should not be passed from one person to another at any time.
- When lighting candles at a candle lighting service, have the person with the unlit candle dip their candle into the flame of the lit candle.
- Lit candles should not be placed in windows where a blind or curtain could catch fire.
- Candles placed on, or near tables, altars, or shrines, must be watched by an adult.
- If a candle must burn continuously, be sure it is enclosed in a glass container and placed in a sink, on a metal tray, or in a deep basin filled with water.

FACTS

- **DECEMBER IS THE PEAK TIME OF YEAR FOR HOME CANDLE FIRES.**
- **MORE THAN HALF OF HOME CANDLE FIRES HAPPEN WHEN A CANDLE IS PLACED TOO CLOSE TO SOMETHING THAT CAN BURN.**
- **ROUGHLY ONE-THIRD OF HOME CANDLE FIRE START IN THE BEDROOM.**

For more information on fire safety and programs the Novi Fire Department has to offer please go to: <http://cityofnovi.org/Government/City-Services/Public-Safety/Fire.aspx> or contact us at **248-349-2162**.

