



# National Candle Association

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## National Candle Association Reinforces the Call for Candle Safety Awareness

### Recent Consumer Video Brings Attention to the Importance of Safe Candle Use

WASHINGTON, DC (August 4, 2017)---The National Candle Association (NCA), the major trade organization representing the U.S. candle industry, is restating the importance of safe candle use following news reports featuring a home video in which a Texas woman appears to sustain injuries while attempting to extinguish a candle.

The NCA website, [www.candles.org](http://www.candles.org), offers specific guidance for safe candle use. Among the rules that consumers should always follow when burning candles, are the following:

- Never leave a burning candle unattended. Always keep it within sight.
- Never burn a candle on or near anything that might catch fire.
- Keep candles out of reach of children and pets.
- Do not burn candles where there are drafts, vents, air currents or fans operating.
- Never use water to extinguish a candle. Water may cause hot wax to splatter or a glass container to break.
- Before lighting the candle always:
  - Trim the wick to ¼ inch height. Long or crooked wicks can cause uneven burning, dripping or flaring.
  - Make sure the wax pool is clear of debris such as matches and wick trimmings.
  - Use a proper candleholder that is sturdy, heat resistant and large enough to contain wax drips.
  - Place the candle on a heat-resistant surface.
  - Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for proper burn time and use.
- Never touch or move a burning candle.
- Extinguish a flame immediately with a snuffer if it becomes too high or flickers repeatedly.
- Always use a snuffer to extinguish flames to prevent wax from splattering.
- Make sure a candle is extinguished completely and the wick no longer glowing before leaving the room.
- Don't touch or move a candle until it has cooled completely.

Complete, [downloadable candle safety guidelines](#) are available on the National Candle Association website: [www.candles.org](http://www.candles.org).

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