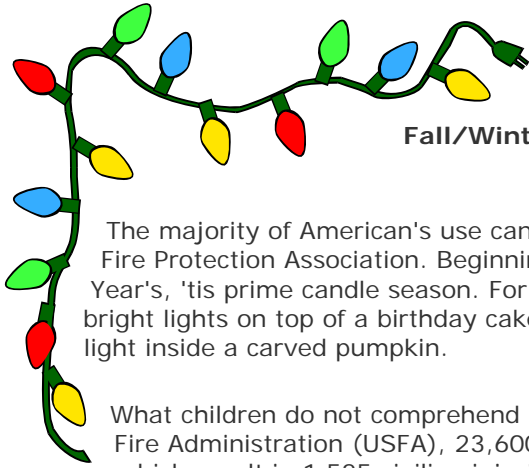


'Tis the Season:



Fall/Winter Holidays: Prime Time for Candle Safety Lessons

The majority of American's use candles in their homes, 77% according to the National Fire Protection Association. Beginning with Halloween, and continuing through New Year's, 'tis prime candle season. For children, candles mean celebration. They are the bright lights on top of a birthday cake, the pretty decorations around the home, or the light inside a carved pumpkin.

What children do not comprehend is how volatile candles are. According to the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), 23,600 residential fires are caused by candles annually, which result in 1,525 civilian injuries, 165 fatalities and \$390 million in direct property loss.

Like toy-like lighters, children are naturally attracted to unusual candle shapes and colors. They have to be continually reminded: ***keep away!***



As families begin the fall/winter holiday season, it's a perfect time to review these candle safety tips from the USFA:

- Keep candles out of the reach of children and pets
- Burn candles inside a 1-foot circle of safety, free of anything that can ignite
- Extinguish candles after use
- Use a sturdy metal, glass or ceramic candleholder
- Never leave a burning candle unattended.



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