



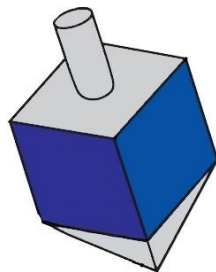
# Fire Safety Education

## FIRE SAFETY FOR JEWISH OBSERVANCES

The Sabbath and Jewish holidays are a time of family gatherings, celebrated with special foods, songs and customs. Many holy days and observances, as well as the weekly Sabbath, are a time for traditional cooking and candle rituals.

However, without safety precautions, these customary religious observances may increase the risk for fires and fire-related injuries.

***Celebrate your heritage safely with the following guidelines.***



## PREPARING THE KITCHEN AND COOKING

**Fifty percent of all apartment fires and one-quarter of the fires in private homes start in the kitchen.** Most home cooking fires involve the stovetop portion of the range. One-third of these fires result from unattended cooking.

The majority of fires and burns can be prevented during food preparation by taking safety precaution. Follow these precautions when preparing the kitchen and cooking, especially for the Sabbath and holiday meals when there is increased activity in the kitchen:

- Stay in the kitchen--don't leave cooking food unattended.
- Wear tighter or snug-fitting sleeves. (Loose sleeves are more likely to catch on fire or get caught on pot handles.)
- Take extra precaution when handling boiling water.
- Cook at indicated temperature settings, rather than higher settings.
- Don't become distracted by attending to children or answering phone calls or doorbells.
- Create a "kid-free zone" of at least three feet around your stove.
- Keep area clear of towels, papers or anything that could burn.
- Turn pot handles inward, facing the wall, to prevent burns caused by overturning or spills.
- Have a pot lid and container of baking soda handy to smother a pan fire. **DO NOT USE WATER.**
- Treat burns immediately with cool running water and seek medical attention

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**Union City PD 201-864-1111**

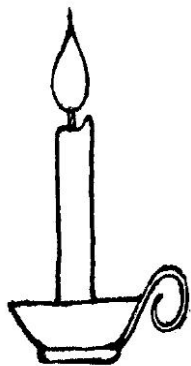
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## SABBATH AND HOLIDAY CANDLE SAFETY

More than 33 percent of candle fires occur when candles are left unattended. **Half of the people killed by candle fires in the home are younger than 20 years of age**, with most of the victims between the ages of five and nine.

Burns and fire burns are the leading cause of death in the home for children and young adults.

Holiday time means candles, matches and fire. When burning candles, make your home safer by:



- Using sturdy candleholders, with flame -protective non-combustible (glass or metal) shades or globes.
- Placing candles at least four feet away from curtains, draperies, blinds, kitchen cabinets and bedding.
- Placing candles out of reach of small children and pets.
- Extinguishing candles when they burn within two inches of the holder.
- Never leaving burning candles unattended.
- Securing hair and clothing, such as sleeves or aprons, from the flame when handling candles.
- Keeping candles, matches and lighters, including lit memorial containers and Chanukah menorahs, out of reach of children.

***When searching for hametz, keep candles away from bedding, tablecloths, clothing or anything that can burn. Use a flashlight for hard-to-reach places.***



### FOLLOW THESE IMPORTANT FIRE SAFETY TIPS FROM UNION CITY FIRE PREVENTION

#### DEVELOP A FIRE ESCAPE PLAN

##### **Can your family survive a fire in your home?**

Protect your family by planning and practicing a home fire escape plan. Know two ways out from each room and agree on a meeting place outside your home so you will know everyone is out safely.

#### MAKE SURE YOUR SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS WORK

##### **Twice a year when you change your clocks:**

- Check fire alarms and CO alarms monthly to make sure they are working properly.
- Change your carbon monoxide detector alarm battery.
- Practice your home fire escape.

#### IF THERE IS A FIRE:

- Do not try to fight the fire yourself.
- Get out and stay out. Do not try to gather personal possessions.

##### **• CLOSE THE DOOR ON YOUR WAY OUT.**

- If smoke is present, exit as low to the ground as possible and keep your mouth covered.

##### **• ONCE YOU REACH A SAFE LOCATION**

##### **CALL 911 or**

##### **NORTH HUDSON REGIONAL FIRE 201-864-4400**

- If any part of you or your clothing catches fire, do not run or try to put out the fire with your hands.

Cover your face with your hands and drop to the ground and roll over and over.

**Effective January 2019 all new and replacement smoke alarms in multiple dwellings and private homes must have a sealed 10 year battery that is non removable and non-replaceable. It must also have an audible "end of life warning".**