

# Home Fire Safety

## FACT SHEET



Tasmania Fire Service

## Cigarettes and open flames


**Cigarettes, candles, incense and oil burners can cause fires. Always extinguish any open flame or cigarette before leaving home or going to sleep.**

- **Dampen** cigarette butts before putting them in the rubbish.
- Educate children that lighters and matches are tools not toys.
- **Store matches and lighters** out of children's sight and out of their reach.
- **Make sure** your candles are sitting on candle holders and on a non-flammable surface.
- Keep curtains and other items **clear of open flames**.
- **Do not** place lit candles where they can be knocked over by children, pets or anyone else.

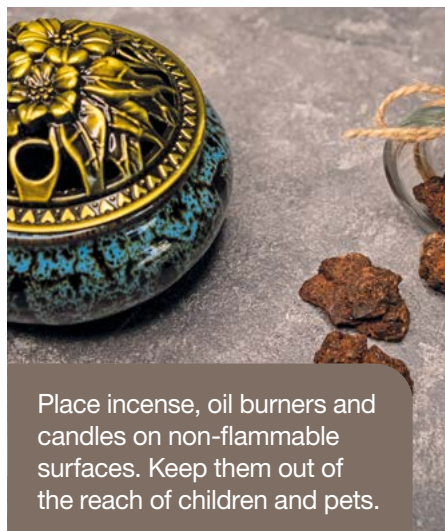
Make sure oil burners are placed on a non-flammable surface and **DO NOT** place near windows – curtains can catch fire easily.



## Hot tips

 **Do not** smoke in bed. Smoking in bed is one of the leading causes of fire-related deaths.

 **Always supervise** open flames.



Place incense, oil burners and candles on non-flammable surfaces. Keep them out of the reach of children and pets.



Extinguish cigarettes in heavy, deep-sided ashtrays or a metal container filled with sand.