

# Watch out for lit candles

DEAR ABBY: Over the last 25 years, Americans have done a great deal to prevent fires in their homes. Home fire fatalities in the United States have dropped 50 percent since the 1970s, thanks in part to public awareness and education. Technology such as smoke alarms has helped, too — by alerting home occupants when fires start and giving them time to es-



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However, while most categories of fire continue to decline, one category is on the upswing: candle fires. That is why this year, during Fire Prevention Week, the National Fire Protection Association is focusing its efforts on offering important candle safety information to Dear Abby readers.

Some facts to consider about candle fires: More candles are now being sold, and the result has been more fires.

Candles have become such popular decorative accessories that during the last decade in the U.S., fires caused by candles have tripled in number to 18,000 per year. Forty percent of these fires begin in the bedroom, causing one-quarter of the deaths associated with candles! (December has almost twice the number of home candle fires as any other month.)

How can you safely enjoy candles at home? Extinguish them when leaving the room or before going to sleep. Make sure all candles are placed in sturdy holders, large enough to collect dripping wax. Keep them out of reach of children or pets. And use a flashlight — not a candle — for emergency lighting.

Thank you, Abby, for reminding your readers to be responsible when using candles. I hope everyone who reads this will take the necessary steps to guard against fire in their homes. — JAMES M. SHANNON, PRESIDENT, NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

DEAR JAMES: Thank you for wanting to protect my readers. Candles have, indeed, become popular home accessories — just open the cover of any home decorating magazine and see the many ways they are displayed in the decor of patios, living rooms, dining rooms, bathrooms and “romantic” bedrooms.

(Two fatalities occurred in Chicago when a woman lighted a candle in her

bedroom and then left the room. Her bed caught fire, and the smoke spread to her neighbors’ apartments. She escaped, but tragically two of her neighbors died of smoke inhalation.)

Readers, Fire Prevention Week (Oct. 9-15) is not only a reminder, but also an opportunity to check around your homes for other fire hazards, and to be sure your smoke (and carbon monoxide) detectors are properly installed and maintained. It is also the time to review and practice with your families what escape plans you have in place in the event of an emergency. (You should have two alternative plans, and everyone in the household should be familiar with what they are.)

DEAR ABBY: My ex and I have

been divorced for almost three years (no children). He married the woman he left me for. I have said goodbye to him, but he keeps coming up with excuses to talk with me. What is his problem? — DISGUSTED IN TEXAS

DEAR DISGUSTED: Although your ex left you and remarried, on some level he still cannot let go. Unless you enjoy talking to him, start screening your calls. It’s ironic that he’s now using you to “cheat” on the woman with whom he was cheating on you, but it’s more common than you think.

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TUESDAY EVENING							E= Eagle Cable S=S&T Telephone			OCT. 11, 2005			
E	S		6 pm	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30	
36	47	A&E	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Airline	Airline	Crossing Jordan "Embraceable You"		Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	
4	6	ABC	According to Jim (N)	Rodney (N)	Commander in Chief "First Strike" (N)		Boston Legal Fishing in British Columbia. (N)		News	(.35) Night-line	(.06) Jimmy Kimmel Live Maggie Grace. (N)		
26	54	ANPL	Hunt for the Lost Serpent		The Most Extreme Deadly snakes.		Subtle as a Serpent		Hunt for the Lost Serpent		The Most Extreme Deadly snakes.		
63	67	BRAVO	The West Wing "In the Room"		The West Wing "Impact Winter"		The West Wing "Faith-Based Initiative"		The West Wing "Opposition Research"		The West Wing "365 Days"		
7	11	CBS	NCIS "Silver War" (N)		The Amazing Race: Family Edition (N)		Close to Home "Miranda" (N)		News	(.35) Late Show With David Letterman (N)	Late Late Show		
55	42	DISC	It Takes a Thief "And Burglar Makes Four" (N)		Real Gangs of New York		Going Tribal "Horse Masters of Mongolia"		Firehouse USA: Boston "Ladder vs. Engine" (N)		Dirty Jobs "Cheese Maker" Vermont cheese.		
33	56	DISN	Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody	Sister, Sister	Phil of the Future	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	★ ★ "Halloweentown" (1998, Comedy) Debbie Reynolds, Judith Hoag. <a href="#">[E]</a>				
49	66	EITV	Filthy Rich: Cattle Drive		Filthy Rich: Cattle Drive		Girls	Hollywood	Howard S.	Saturday Night Live	Taradise		
22	28	ESPN	Series of Poker		Series of Poker		Bound for Glory (N)		SportsCenter		Baseball	NFL Live	
23	29	ESPN2	Streetball	Streetball	Streetball	Streetball	Streetball	Streetball	Streetball	Streetball	Hollywood	Frankly	
32	58	FAM	★ ★ ★ "City of Angels" (1998) Nicolas Cage, Meg Ryan.				Where?	The 700 Club			Videos	Videos	
35	-	FMC	★ ★ ★ "The Only Game in Town" (1970, Drama)				★ ★ ★ "Hot Shots! Part Deux"		Kingdom		★ ★ ★ "Working Girl"		
53	45	FOOD	Emeril Live Cooking with mushrooms.		Good Eats	Recipe for Success	\$40-a-Day	\$40-a-Day	Iron Chef Italian spinach battle.		Emeril Live "Bagel Bites"		
13	7	FOX	MLB Baseball American League Championship Series Game 1 -- Teams to Be Announced.						The Fox Report With Shepard Smith		Blind Date (N)	Blind Date (N)	
40	41	FX	70s Show	King of Hill	King of Hill	70s Show	70s Show	★ ★ "Hollywood Homicide" (2003, Action) Harrison Ford.					
30	27	FXSP	Football	All-Access	Football	Learn	Myers	Best Damn Sports Show	Spotlight	Rockies	Best-Sports		
-	60	HALL	Walker, Texas Ranger		★ ★ ★ "Matlock: The Assassination" (1992)			M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H		
5	-	HBO	(5:00) ★ ★ "The Chronicles of Riddick"		★ ★ ★ "Stuck on You" (2003) Matt Damon. Conjoined twins star on a TV show with Cher. 'PG-13'				The Sopranos "In Camelot"		Rome "Pharsalus"		
62	44	HGTV	Designed	Design	Decorating	Mission	What Get	Designers	Design	Small	Designed	Design	
58	48	HIST	Wild West Tech "Bounty Hunters" (N)		Shootout! Famous Wild West gunfights.		Man Moment Machine J. Robert Oppenheimer.		Targeted		Wild West Tech "Bounty Hunters"		
25	38	IND	Friends	Friends	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	(.05) Seinfeld	(.35) Seinfeld	(.05) ★ ★ ★ "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" (2000) George Clooney, John Turturro.				
18	63	LIFE	"Martha Inc."		"Martha Behind Bars" (2005) Cybill Shephard.			Will-Grace	Will-Grace	Golden	Golden		
54	74	MTV	TRL (ITV)		Video	School	Latino Beginnings	Pimp Ride	Pimp Ride	Real World	Real World		
3	9	NBC	News	Ent. Tonight	The Biggest Loser (N)		My Name Is The Office Earl (N)	The Office "Fire" (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Ripped"		News	Tonight Show	
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34	55	NICK	SpongeBob	School	Fresh Pr.	Hi-Jinks	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne	Fresh Pr.	Hi-Jinks	
2	2	PBS	Nova "Einstein's Big Idea"		Conflicts lead to Albert Einstein's mathematical discovery. (N)		Secrets for Reducing Your Breast Cancer		BBC World News	Hardware	Charlie Rose (N)		
38	71	SCIFI	Surface		Surface		Surface "Episode 4"		★ "Blood Surf" (2000, Horror) Archie Adamos.				
61	72	SPK	Maximum Exposure		Wildest Police Videos		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		"The Terminator" (1984)		
39	43	TLC	While You Were Out		Martha		Rides "Eleanor's Big Bro"		Overhaulini' "U.S. Navy Steal" 1950 Ford truck.		Overhaulini' Hairdresser's car needs repair.		
28	40	TNT	Law & Order		Law & Order		Las Vegas		Cold Case		The X-Files		
51	49	TRAV	Taste	Taste	Made	Made	Find Cash & Treasures		Taste	Taste	Made	Made	
21	59	TVLND	Little House		Griffith	Sanford	GoodTime	All-Family	3's Co.	TV Land	Cheers	Sanford	
60	79	UNIV	Contra Viento y Marea		La Esposa Virgen		Casos de la Vida Real		Impacto	Noticiero	La Hora Derbez		
20	37	USA	Law Order: CI		★ ★ "2 Fast 2 Furious" (2003) Paul Walker.				Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU		
12	3	WB	Friends	Everybody-Raymond	Gilmore Girls "We've Got Magic to Do" (N)		Supernatural "Bloody Mary" (N)		News		Sex and the City	Will & Grace	
99	39	WGN	Da Vinci's Inquest		Da Vinci's Inquest		WGN News at Nine		Sex & City	Becker	Da Vinci's Inquest		

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4	6	ABC	George Lopez (N)	Freddie	Lost "Everybody Hates Hugo" (N)		Invasion A deadly flu virus in Homestead. (N)		News	(.35) Night-line	(.06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)				
26	54	ANPL	Buggin' With Ruud Insects of Alaska. (N)		Corwin's Quest Blue whale; mountain gorilla.		Animal Cops "Silent Victims: Detroit"		Buggin' With Ruud Insects of Alaska.		Corwin's Quest Blue whale; mountain gorilla.				
63	67	BRAVO	The West Wing "Freedomia"		The West Wing "Drought Conditions"		The West Wing "A Good Day"		The West Wing "La Palabra"		The West Wing "Ninety Miles Away"				
7	11	CBS	Still Standing (N)	Yes, Dear "Barbecue"	Criminal Minds Elusive rapist/murderer. (N)		CSI: NY A tiger mauls a man to death. (N)		News	(.35) Late Show With David Letterman (N)	Late Late Show				
55	42	DISC	It Takes a Thief		Killer Hurricane: Anatomy of Katrina		SOS: Coast Guard Rescue "Operation Katrina"		How the Levees Failed		MythBusters Some favorite myths. (N)				
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23	29	ESPN2	Soccer: Panama vs. U.S.				Bull Riding		Bull Riding		Hollywood	Frankly			
32	58	FAM	★ "A Guy Thing" (2003) Jason Lee, Julia Stiles.				Kicked Out   Whose?		The 700 Club		Kicked Out   Videos				
35	-	FMC	★★★ "Daughter of the Mind" (1969, Suspense)				★★ "Man Trouble" (1992) Jack Nicholson.				★★★ "Downtown"				
53	45	FOOD	Emeril Live Garden recipes. (N)		The Secret Life Of...	BBQ With Bobby Flay (N)	Good Eats	Good Eats	Iron Chef America "Flay vs. Tsai"		Emeril Live "Cider Rules"				
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5	-	HBO	(5:45) ★★ "Win a Date Hamilton!" (2004) Kate Bosworth. [E]		★★ "A Cinderella Story" (2004) Hilary Duff. [E]	PG [E]			Wallace & Gromit:...	Extras	Curb Your Enthusiasm	One Night Stand			
62	44	HGTV	Kitchen	Want That	Buy Me (N)	Cash Attax	Designed	What Get	Design	House	Kitchen	Want That			
58	48	HIST	Modern Marvels Technological breakdowns.		Modern Marvels "Oil Tankers"		Modern Marvels "Dredging"		Automaniac Tracing the evolution of police cars.		Modern Marvels Technological breakdowns.				
25	38	IND	Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	(.05) ★★ "Three to Tango" (1999, Comedy) Matthew Perry, Neve Campbell.						
18	63	LIFE	(5:00) "Sweet Dreams"		"The Stranger Beside Me" (1995) Eric Close		Will-Grace	Will-Grace	Golden	Golden					
54	74	MTV	TRL (ITV)		Reality	Reality	Direct Effect		Hard Rock	Sweet 16	Sweet 16	Sweet 16			
3	9	NBC	News	Ent. Tonight	E-Ring "Tribes" JT tries to prevent genocide. (N)		The Apprentice: Martha Stewart "Sweet Suite"		Law & Order "Age of Innocence" (N)		News	Tonight Show			
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34	55	NICK	SpongeBob Unfabulous		Full House "Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Cosby		Roseanne	Roseanne	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.			
2	2	PBS	Secrets of the Dead		Helen of Troy The truth about Helen of Troy. (N)				BBC World News	As Time Goes By	Charlie Rose (N)				
38	71	SCIFI	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters (N)		Tripping	Tripping	Ripley-Believe		Ghost Hunters				
61	72	SPK	Maximum Exposure		Wildest Police Videos		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		★★ "Death Warrant"				
39	43	TLC	While You Were Out "Savannah: John Bruce"		Martha Gloria Estefan.		The Human Canvas: Sacred Skin		Tattoo! Beauty, Art and Pain		Miami Ink				
28	40	TNT	★★★ "We Were Soldiers" (2002, Drama) Mel Gibson.				★★★ "We Were Soldiers" (2002, Drama) Mel Gibson.								
49	19	TRAV	American Casino		World Poker Tour				American Casino		World Poker Tour				
21	59	TVLND	Little House		Griffith	Sanford	TV Land	All-Family	3's Co.	Night Court	Cheers	Sanford			
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