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UNATTENDED CANDLE RESPONSIBLE FOR GLENDALE HOUSE FIRE

Glendale, Ariz. — Glendale Fire Investigators say a townhouse fire at 4400 West Solano Drive on the early morning of October 28th was caused by a candle left unattended when the occupants went to bed. The Glendale Fire Department reminds everyone to use extra care when using candles.

FACTS

- In 2010, there were approximately 9,600 U.S. home fires started by candles. Of those 9,600 fires, 90 people died and 820 were injured.
- Candle fires cause \$370 million in direct property damage.
- 36% of home candle fires start in the bedroom
- 55% of candle fires were from a combustible material placed too close to the candle.
- 12% of candle fires started after the user fell asleep.

SAFETY TIPS

- Extinguish all candles when leaving a room or going to sleep.
- Keep candles away from items that can burn such as curtains, clothing and paper.
- Use sturdy candleholders that won't tip over and are large enough to collect dripping wax.
- Place candles in areas where children and pets cannot get near them or tip them over.
- Keep candles away from flammable liquids.
- Trim wicks to one-quarter inch.
- Discard candles when wicks are within two inches of the holder.
- Store candles and matches out of a child's reach.
- Do not use a candle during a power outage, use a flashlight.



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