

Chanukah Burn & Scald Prevention

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CHANUKAH SPECIFIC REMINDERS:

- Keep the menorah away from curtains or any other flammable objects.
- Keep the menorahs away from the reach of small children.
- When making latkes, keep ALL children away from the hot oil.
- When making latkes, remember to turn frying pan handles away from the edge of the stove, so that they do not get knocked over and cause the oil to be spilled.

GENERAL REMINDERS:

- Never place candles near or under anything flammable.
- Keep Shabbat, Yom Tov, Chanukah, and Yahrzeit candles on sideboards, out of the reach of small children.
- If candles are on the table, keep them in the center where they are less likely to be pulled down by a small child.
- The following are common locations in which candles are placed and which cause household fires – under kitchen cabinets, near window curtains, any location a young child can easily reach to pull the candles down, any location a family pet can knock candles over.
- When lighting and blessing candles, women in particular need to insure that they do not accidentally set their sleeves on fire when they put their hands over the flames. They must also be very careful of their hair.
- When lighting multiple Sabbath candles, families need to be aware of the high amount of heat the candles generate. Create a safe place in the house in which multiple candles can be lit. Sometimes a safe place might need to be built which is non-flammable and away from small children's hands.

These guidelines are not intended to discourage the lighting of Chanukah Candles; with proper caution and sensibility lighting candles can be perfectly safe.

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