



# Presidio Trust Fire Marshal's Office

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Title: Use of Candles and Open Flames

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## SCOPE

This standard represents the use of and the safety requirements governing the use of candles within the Presidio Trust, Area B and shall meet the following code requirements:

- [National Fire Protection Association, NFPA 1, Fire Code](#)
- [National Fire Protection Association, NFPA 101, the Standard for Life Safety Code](#)
- [American Society for Testing and Materials, ASTM International, F2417-17 Standard Specification for Fire Safety for Candles](#)
- [American Society for Testing and Materials, ASTM International, F2179 Candle Safety Standard for Candle Glass](#)
- [American Society for Testing and Materials, ASTM International, F2058-07 Standard Specification for Candle Fire Safety Labeling](#)

## 1. COMPLIANCE

While Burning:

- 1.1. Never leave a candle unattended
- 1.2. Keep candles at least one foot away from anything that can burn.
- 1.3. Keep candles out of the reach of children or pets.
- 1.4. Never touch or move a candle while it is burning to avoid being burned by hot wax.
- 1.5. Do not burn a candle all the way down; extinguish the candle before it gets too close to the holder or container.
- 1.6. Use candle holders that are sturdy and will not tip/fall over.
- 1.7. Never use a candle if oxygen is used in a home or occupancy within the Presidio Trust, Area B
- 1.8. Have flashlights and battery-powered lighting ready to use during a power outage; do not use candles.
- 1.9. Candles are not to be used in tents.

## 2. RELIGIOUS AND CEREMONIAL CANDLE COMPLIANCE

- 1.1. Candles should be placed in a sturdy candle holder.
- 1.2. Handheld candles should not be passed from one person to another at any time.
- 1.3. Handheld candles are not approved for use indoors unless approved by the Presidio Trust Fire Marshal's Office. The Fire Marshal may require a Fire Watch in compliance with [NFPA 101, Section 3.3.91](#), if interior candle usage has been approved
- 1.4. When lighting candles at a candle-lighting service, have the person with the unlit candle dip their candle into the flame of the lit candle.
- 1.5. Lit candles should not be placed in windows where a blind or curtain may catch fire.
- 1.6. Candles placed on or near tables, altars, or shrines must be watched by an adult.

- 1.7. If a candle must burn continuously, it must be enclosed in a glass container and placed in a sink, on a metal tray, or in a deep basin filled with water.
- 1.8. No less than one fire extinguisher with a minimum 2A:10 BC rating shall be provided in the areas where candles are being used.

**DEFINITIONS:**

**ASTM International** – American Society for Testing and Materials.

**2A:10 BC Rating** – Fires are categorized into four groups: A- common combustible fires (including burning paper, wood, etc.); B- flammable liquid fires (gasoline, cooking oil, etc.); C- electrical fires; and D- flammable metal fires (including magnesium, sodium, etc.). These numbers are a UL/ULC rating that indicates the amount of firefighting capacity with the square feet covered for the type of fire. Therefore, a 2A:10 BC extinguisher means 2.5 gallons of water (firefighting capacity) for 10 square feet covered for a BC Type fire.