	Presidio Trust **Fire Marshal's Office** *1750 Lincoln Blvd. San Francisco, California 94129*	**Date**: September 11, 2023 **Revision**: Sept 28, 2026 **Standard**: *GSS-003*
Title: **Use of Candles and Open Flames**	**Approved By**: *Randy Amores*	

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:

- California Fire 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 the California Fire Code, 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.