

# FIRES CAN BURN & KILL

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## Beware the Flames! Fires Kill Easily!

Load shedding and power cuts increases the danger of fire in any house or dwelling and many people often misjudge how serious the consequences of a small mistake could be.

More often than not, it is not fire that kills, but the lack of control that does.

Power cuts are forcing people to light, cook and stay warm by using candles, gas, paraffin, wood or charcoal.

Please make sure they are safe and that your place, whether at work or home, is safe from fire before you leave or go to sleep at night.

*Understand that uncontrolled heat sources can destroy.*

*Check every heat source before leaving the property - every time you leave.*

### Remember that:

- \* Candles can fall over and start a fire. Use them only in candle holders that are secure and non-combustible and can't fall over;*
  - \* Use candles and other open flame- or heat-generating items away from curtains , blankets -, towels etc.*
  - \* Do not place open flame- or hot appliances on carpets or areas that can catch fire.*
  - \* Some appliances require flammable liquids to operate. Store these liquids in secure containers clearly marked for the purpose intended and only use small amounts at a time.*
- Remember paraffin in soft drinks bottles is attractive to children - this can kill a child.*
- \* Keep matches, firelighters and cigarette lighters out of the reach of children.*
  - \* Teach children the dangers of open flames and playing with matches.*
  - \* Fire extinguishers are cheap in comparison to life and assets.*

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