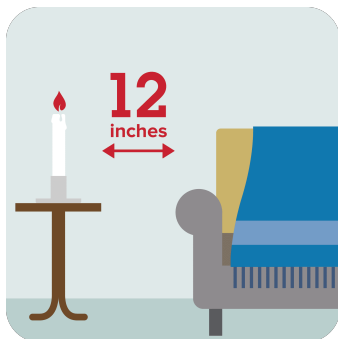# Dighton Fire

Monthly Newsletter

Candle With Care

Reduce the risk of fire from candles in your home

In 2019, there were 75 fires in homes that were caused by candles. More than one-third of home candle fires started in the bedroom. Three of every five candle fires start when things that can burn are too close to the candle. Flameless candles are a safe alternative to candles. They look and can smell like real candles without the risk for a home fire. If you do burn candles, follow these tips to do it as safely as possible.

August Recap

Ambulance Calls
78

Fire Calls
20

3 Tips for Candle Safety

1

Distance

Keep candles at least 12 inches from anything that can burn.

2

Attentiveness

Blow out candles before leaving a room or going to bed.

3

Alternatives

Use flashlights instead of candles in a power outage.

Never use a candle if oxygen is used in the home!

Preparing for the Cooler Months Ahead

Getting your fireplace ready

In 2020, there were 539 fire incidents involving chimneys, fireplaces, and wood stoves. These fires were responsible for 3 civilian injuries and 6 firefighter injuries. They resulted in $3.4 million in property losses. The incidents made up 41% of all fires linked to heating systems. Here are a few tips to minimize your chance of becoming one of these statistics:

- Have your chimney and flue inspected by a qualified mason prior to use. Cracks in the flue or mortar joints can allow flames and heated gases to extend into the structure.

- Most chimney fires occur due to a build-up of creosote, a tarry by-product of burning wood. Have your chimney flue cleaned before each heating season. Burn only dry, well-seasoned, hardwood to reduce creosote accumulation.

School is Back in Session!

Dighton schools are back in session and DFD would like to remind you that if a school bus or a van has its lights flashing and a stop sign extended, you must stop. It does not matter on which side of the road you are traveling. Remain stopped until the lights stop flashing and the stop sign folds back.