

Black Museum



East Sussex
Fire & Rescue Service

Cause of fire...

... Tall candles burned down and set fire to an artificial flower display!

The burning flowers fell from the mantelpiece and set fire to a sofa and caused a great amount of damage to the living room, which meant that the home couldn't be lived in for three months. Four people had to be treated for breathing in smoke. The family lost all of their possessions in the fire. **There were no smoke alarms in the flat!**



Candles are responsible for causing an average of 27 home fires each year in East Sussex.

Use candles safely in your home:

- Put candles only on a heat-resistant surface – be especially careful with night lights and tea lights, which get hot enough to melt plastic!
- Put candles in a proper candle holder, so they don't fall over.
- Keep candles out of the reach of children and pets.
- Keep candles away from curtains and furniture which could catch fire.
- Keep candles away from clothes and hair – make sure they are somewhere where people can't lean over them.
- Make sure you put out candles before moving them.

Never leave a candle unattended!



Make sure you have smoke alarms in your home

For the full safety information, please go online to:

www.esfrs.org/blackmuseum/unattendedcandles