

Middleborough Housing Authority

CANDLE /OPEN FLAME POLICY

It is the policy of the Middleborough Housing Authority that the use of candles or any open flame device is not allowed in resident's apartments, building hallways or any common areas of all MHA housing developments.

This ban includes but is not limited to: decorative oil lamps, incense, candelabras, dinner table candles (tapers), tea lights and scented candles. The use of candles or any open flame device/object is prohibited by all residents and guests of the Middleborough Housing Authority for the following reasons:

- Candles and incense can unintentionally be left unattended and can cause fires, serious injury and damage.
- Decorative and/or scented candles have caused numerous fires
- Candles and open flames pose an unacceptable risk to all residents and neighbors
- Burning candles with lead core or metal wicks may result in air concentration of lead above the EPA threshold.
- Scented candles most often produce soot, which causes property damage by blackening walls, ceilings & carpets.
- Exposure to incense smoke has been shown to cause health related problems including cancer and dermatitis

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