Use of Candles for Functions and Formal Dinners.

- Candles must be placed on a heat resistant surface.
- Tea lights get hot enough to melt plastic. They must be placed in a proper holder or on a heat resistant surface.
- Candles must be held firmly upright by the holder so they won’t fall over. The holder needs to be stable too, so it won’t fall over either.
- Candles must not be placed near curtains, fabrics or furniture. Keep them out of draughts.
- Candles must not be placed under shelves.
- Ensure there’s at least one metre between a candle and any surface above it.
- Keep clothes and hair away.
- If there’s any chance you could lean across a candle and forget it’s there, put it somewhere else.
- Leave at least 10cm between two burning candles.
- Votive or scented candles turn to liquid to release their fragrance, they should be placed in a glass or metal holder.
- Candles should be extinguished before moving.
- Don’t let anything fall into the hot wax like match sticks.
- Don’t leave them burning.
- Extinguish candles before you leave a room.
- Use a snuffer or a spoon to put them out. It’s safer than blowing them, which can send sparks and hot wax flying.
- Double-check they’re out. Candles that have been put out can go on smouldering and start a fire. Make sure they’re completely out.

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