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## **Burning Candle Scorches Bedroom**

**Date/Time:** **October 15, 2013 @ 8:17 p.m.**  
**Location:** **11000 Block of White Ave, Adelanto**  
**Incident:** **Commercial Structure Fire**

**Summary:** The San Bernardino County Fire Department responded to a Commercial Structure Fire, with reports of smoke and flames coming from the apartment. The first of five units arrived to find a bedroom on fire in a single story, eight-unit complex.

The fire was confined to the room of origin, but smoke and heat did extensive damage to the single bedroom apartment. It took 30 minutes and 13 members of the San Bernardino County Fire Department to control the fire. The occupant of the apartment was not home at the time of the fire and no injuries were reported.

The fire caused \$12,000 in damage. The cause of the fire was determined to be accidental; the occupant left burning candles unattended.

With the holiday season upon us, care should be taken when using candles in your home. Wind from an open window could blow curtains into burning candles. Candles should be placed in a non-flammable container (*i.e.* glass, ceramic, or metal), check for flammable items around a burning candle, do not place candles directly on flammable surface (*i.e.* wood, plastic, or paper), and never leave burning candles unattended.

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