

How it is manufactured: BIC® lighters

SAFETY TIPS

Lighters are not Toys

Teach children that matches and lighters, even Child-Resistant lighters, are tools for adults, not toys for children. Keep all matches and lighters well out of children's reach. Teach children not to touch matches or lighters, and in the event they find any, they should tell an adult immediately. Never give children matches or a lighter to play with. If a child is bored, especially when away from home, give him or her a toy to play with, or paper and crayons to draw with. Don't think that because you're watching a child, nothing will happen. Don't send a child the message that matches and lighters can be playthings. Never invite a child to blow out a match or hold the lighter while you light it. These actions only entice a child to try making fire on his or her own.

Candles

Be careful when burning candles, and never leave them unattended in a room, or leave a child alone in a room where candles are burning. Birthday candles should be handled with care. Never let young children light the candles on a cake. A young child's fascination with a candle flame, even if he or she has been told that fire is dangerous, can lead to tragedy.

Safety in the Kitchen

Practice safety in the kitchen. Nearly a quarter of all home fires start in the kitchen. Cook on the back burners when possible, and be sure pan handles point toward the back of the stove. Never leave food cooking unattended, especially on a high heat. Keep an open box of clean baking soda, or a working home fire extinguisher within easy reach of your stove. In just 30 seconds a small flame can become a major fire.

