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## Tragedy in Lagos as baby dies in fire

**A** six months old baby boy at the weekend was killed by fire at House 52, Shagari Estate, Mosan Okunola, Ipaja area of Lagos State.

The fire was caused by a burning candle lit by his mother.

According to a report, the mother had laid the sleeping baby on the bed and lit a candle in the room before stepping outside for fresh air.

The candle was said to have burnt out and the fire quickly latched on to the plastic candle holder and spread to where the baby was sleeping.

The bereaved mother was not aware of what was happening indoors till the fire which had spread round the room had burnt both the bed and the baby.

The Director, Lagos State Fire Service, Mr Rasak Fadipe, who confirmed the incident, said the baby was burnt to death at about 9.30pm on Saturday.

He said: "The six-month-old baby boy was burnt to death at about 9.30 p.m. on Saturday at their residence in Ipaja.

"The fire was caused by a candlestick lit by the mother of the child, who claimed to be taking fresh air outside, when the incident happened."

Fadipe, while advising the public to be wary of using candles, said many have died from candle fires.

He urged parents to stop locking up their kids at home, no matter the circumstance.

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