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(Saturday Night Fire Caused by Unattended Candle)

An unattended candle started a fire which caused approximately \$200,000 damage to a Beaverton home located at 6623 SW Miles Court. Fortunately no one was injured as a result of the fire, but a Beaverton family has been displaced.

Last night at 11:21p.m., approximately 30 firefighters from Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue and Portland Fire and Rescue responded to reports of a room on fire with windows breaking. They fought and extinguished the fire from inside the home which had spread to the attic and nearby rooms.

Based on physical evidence coupled with information provided by residents, a fire investigator confirmed the cause of the fire. "Candles should never be left unattended or placed too close to combustibles," states Cassandra Ulven, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue. "It only takes minutes for a small fire to consume the contents of a room. Fortunately this family had working smoke alarms and they were able to escape unharmed."

For fire safety tips, please visit www.tvfr.com



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