

Safety Sheet 1

The Peace Light from Bethlehem

Dear Reader.

Common sense and the use of basic safety measures will help avoid accidents. Manufacturers say that lamp oil may be used safely in an approved Tilley or Coleman Safety Lantern but do make sure to read and follow the manufacturer's instructions – do what it says on the tin!

If you plan on transporting the 'Light' by car, you will need a container (tin box) that is large enough to hold the lantern - try using a large billy, metal bucket or a '*Chubba Chump*' tin from your local 'Sweet Agent' – use whichever is large enough to suit the size of your lantern. If you plan on purchasing a lantern, consider buying a 'Dietz' brand, these are expensive but more reliable than cheap Chinese imports. [consult your local hardware store].

The container should have air holes punched in the sides - the bottom should be lined with flame retardant material such as cat litter or builder's fine sand (from your local builder's providers) – you might also fix some 'guy' wires at the top of the tin for holding the lantern steady.

When transporting the light, ensure that:

- all sections of lamp are securely fastened together
- the flame is turned down low,
- there is no spillage of Lamp Oil remaining on the lamp from when you filled it,
- the lamp is firmly fitted in the container or tin box using the guy wires to hold it steady.

If you plan on transporting the Peace Light by car, there should be at least two people involved, one to drive the car and the other to 'mind' the Peace Light.

Try to restrict movement of the container in which your lantern is being carried to a minimum – you should find some way of securing the container so as to prevent it from moving should you need to break suddenly.

Beg or borrow a small fire extinguisher and/or a Fire Blanket and have them handy at all times. Please remember to read the instructions on how to use the fire extinguisher before you start your journey!

The container used for transporting the lamp should have air vent holes punched / cut the sides, this should prevent the container becoming overheated.

Adjust the wick to keep the flame as low as possible, this will prevent the top of the carrying container becoming hot – however, the person minding the container is advised to use a pair of oven gloves (or similar heat resistant hand covering) when attending to the light, for example; when removing the lamp, or refilling it with fuel.

Remember to keep an open window in the car to vent any fumes.

When refilling the lamp, it is recommended that the light be temporarily transferred to a candle or night light. You should then extinguish the lamp before filling it – be careful of spillages and do not over fill the Lanterns fuel reservoir.

When transferring the flame to another lamp or Christmas candle, etc we suggest you use a long wax taper. If the top of your lantern needs to be removed to take a light from its flame, it should be put back in place as soon as practical.

We hope that as the 'flame' from the Peace Light from Bethlehem is being passed around the message of 'Peace to all' will be spread with it.

We wish you safe journeys and a Peace filled Christmas.