

Beat the Heat

Fire and Burn Prevention Tips

Important Facts







In the U.S., about 116,600 children are treated for fire/burn injuries.

Most of the scald burns children experience, especially in ages 6 months to 2 years, are from hot foods and liquids spilled in the kitchen or wherever food is prepared and served.

Children in homes without smoke alarms are at greater risk of fires and fire-related death and injury.



What You Can Do

-  Reduce water temperature. Children's skin burns at lower temperatures and more deeply than that of older children and adults.
-  Childproof outlets. Children can insert metal objects, such as forks or keys, into outlets, causing electrical burns.
-  Remove items that can burn easily and place them in a safe location.
-  Establish a "kid-free zone" while cooking and avoid hot spills.
-  Installing smoke alarms and taking other precautions to avoid fire injuries in the home can also reduce a child's risk of burn injury.
-  Do not smoke inside your home.

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