








Did You Know?

Young children (under the age of 7) are at greater risk for burns than any other age group. Simple day-to-day activities in your home can cause burn hazards.

There are simple things you can do to prevent these devastating types of injuries. This issue of "Safety Lines" is full of safety tips as well as other resources to help you learn how to protect your family!

DID YOU KNOW.....

That over 116,000 children each year are treated for fire/burn related injuries? The most common type of burn to young children are **scald burns** caused by hot liquids or steam.

The most frequent area of the home where scalds occur (among children ages 6 months to 4 years) is the **kitchen**, and are caused by spilled hot foods and liquids. The second most frequent area is the **bathroom**. These burns are caused by hot tap water, and tend to be more severe and cover a larger portion of the body.

Some simple things you can do in your home to prevent scald burns are:

KITCHEN:

- ⇒ During meal preparation, keep children in high chairs or other safe areas.
- ⇒ Use spill-resistant travel mugs for all hot beverages.
- ⇒ Keep pot handles turned toward the back of the stove, or only use the back burners.
- ⇒ Never use a microwave to heat a baby's bottle! Always test the temperature of heated bottles or foods before feeding them to an infant or toddler.
- ⇒ Avoid using tablecloths to prevent hot liquid or food from being pulled over or spilled.



BATHROOM:

- ⇒ Make sure your hot water heater is set no higher than 120 degrees.
- ⇒ Always test bath water before placing a child in the tub. The water should be no higher than 100 degrees.
- ⇒ When running a bath, always turn the hot water off first, and the cold last.
- ⇒ Place your child in the bathtub facing away from the faucets.



DID YOU KNOW..... That the chance of dying in a house fire are cut in **HALF** when functioning smoke alarms are present?



Make sure that you have **working smoke alarms** in your home - one on each floor, and in each sleeping area. Test your alarms monthly and change the batteries once a year.

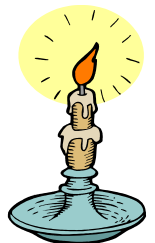
Make sure your family has an **escape plan**, and **practice** it on a regular basis! Make sure everyone knows your outdoor meeting spot, and that someone in your home is responsible for assisting very young children or people with disabilities.

DID YOU KNOW... That the most common causes of thermal & contact burns to young children are **hair straighteners, ovens and stoves, heaters, and fireworks?**



Ways you can help to prevent your child from receiving a contact or thermal burn include:

- ⇒ Make sure children are not allowed in the area when using curling irons or hair straighteners. While they are cooling down, make sure they are out of the reach of children.
- ⇒ Never leave your child alone in the kitchen, bathroom, or any other place in the home that could potentially hold a burn hazard.
- ⇒ Keep your child away from the outdoor bbq grill.
- ⇒ Install safety screens and gates around fireplace openings to prevent young children from touching the glass cover.
- ⇒ Never leave burning candles unattended.
- ⇒ Make sure your child wears shoes outside on hot, sunny days to prevent them from burning their feet on the pavement, street, etc.
- ⇒ When it comes to fireworks, leave it to the professionals. Never allow small children to play with or light fireworks. Even sparklers are extremely dangerous!!

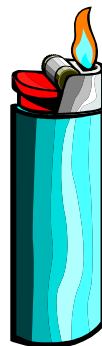


DID YOU KNOW... That most child play related home fires begin in a bedroom or living room where children are left unattended? The majority of these fires are started by children playing with matches or lighters.

Make sure that **matches and lighters** are locked up, high and **out of the reach of children**. Teach your children that matches and lighters are for adults - they are **tools, not toys**.

Avoid purchasing **novelty lighters**. These can be very dangerous, because they are designed to look like toys, which makes children want to play with them.

If you are concerned that your child may be playing with or setting fires, **please call 610-969-3930**....we can help!



DO YOU KNOW how to find out if your child's toys or clothing has been recalled?

The Consumer Product Safety Commission posts recalls on a regular basis. You can even sign up for email alerts! Visit www.cpsc.gov and click "recalls".

Other great websites that are packed with valuable information and tips to help keep your family safe:

Burn Prevention Network:

www.burnprevention.org

Home Safe Home:

www.homesafehome.org

Safe Kids:

www.usa.safekids.org

USFA:

www.usfa.dhs.gov/kids

Fire Safety.gov:

www.firesafety.gov

