



The People's Burn Foundation

Practice Burn Safety Prevention Tips

HOT WATER HEATERS:

Set water heaters to 120°F or less.

COOKING:

Keep children at least three feet away from all cooking areas. Keep hot liquids and cooking appliances away from counter and table edges.

MICROWAVES:

Always supervise children using a microwave. Keep microwaves at shoulder level or below.

BATH WATER:

Always supervise children around bath water. Always test the bath water before allowing a child to enter the bath.

ELECTRICAL CORDS:

Never use electrical cords that are frayed, broken, or crimped. Cords under rugs and furniture must be removed. These cords can start fires.

SPACE HEATERS:

Keep children away from space heaters. Keep an area of at least three feet around the space heater free from curtains, blankets, or paper (anything that can burn). Never leave a space heater unattended.

CANDLES:

Never leave a burning candle unattended.

February is Burn Awareness Month

PRACTICE BURN SAFETY

*250,000 children are burned each year
200,000 children are burned by contact with hot substances
5,000 children are burned by hot tap water
60,000 children are burned by hot objects
15,000 children are hospitalized with burn injuries
1,100 children die from burn and fire injuries*

Sources: National Health Interview Survey, Safe Kids Worldwide, National Hospital Discharge Data