



SCALDS: A Burning Issue

DO

- Set water heater thermostats to deliver water at a temperature no higher than 120°F, or just below the medium setting
- Create a “no kid zone” in the kitchen around stoves, ovens and dangerous traffic areas.
- Keep hot drinks away from the edge of tables and counters.
- Use a travel mug with a tight-fitting lid for all hot drinks.

THE FACTS

The average annual cost of scald injuries is \$44 million

Over 136,000 children were seen in emergency rooms for burn injuries in 2011

1,100 children die each year from fire and burns

DO NOT

- Never leave a child unattended in the bathtub; if you must leave, take the child(ren) with you
- Do not allow young children to adjust the water temperature, and when bathing young children, seat the child away from faucets
- Don't set anything hot on tablecloths or placemats, as young children can pull them down.



THE FIX

- 1) Cool the burn with cool running water to stop the burning process
- 2) Remove all clothing and jewelry around the injured area
- 3) Cover the area with clean, loose bandages
- 4) Seek medical attention



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