

MCLB ALBANY SAFETYGRAM

National Burn Awareness Week (Feb 3-9)

**According to the American Burn Association:
75% of all burns to young children are scalds.**

Where do these injuries come from? The majority come from everyday activities within the home.

- Kitchens or dining areas
 - Children are often burned when spills occur while handling hot foods and liquids
 - Cook on back burners if possible when children are present
- Bathing areas
 - Many scalds occur because the victim has limited mobility and is unable to remove themselves from the source (ex. Small child, the elderly, or disabled person in bathtub)
 - Turn "On" cold water first and turn "Off" cold water last

Test the temperature of the water in your home:

- Run hot tap water up to two minutes
- Test temperature with cooking thermometer
- Recommended maximum residential standard is 120°F (48°C)



Emergency Care

- Remove scald victim from source
- Remove all affected clothing, diapers, shoes, etc.
- Cool scalded area briefly with cool water
- Cover with clean, dry covering
- Do NOT apply creams, salves, or ointments
- Call 9-1-1 (On MCLB Albany 639-5911)



Kitchen Prevention:

One way to help avoid accidents in the kitchen area is to develop a "Safety Zone" area near the stove. Tape can be used to mark off an area near the stove where children are not allowed.



For more information about preventing scald burns, contact the American Burn Association at 312-642-9260 or visit www.ameriburn.org.



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