



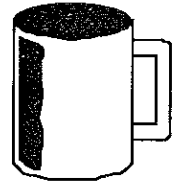
Hot Liquids Burn Like Fire

Protect your baby from scalds

Scalds caused 68% of all burns to children under five.

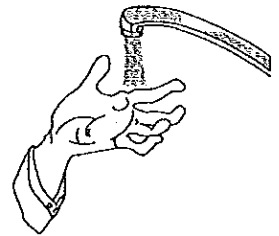
HOT BEVERAGES

- ☞ Put the coffee down when you hold the baby. A wiggling baby can jiggle your arm and spill the drink all over himself.
- ☞ Put drinks and soups toward the center of the table away from curious fingers. Babies like to grab things.
- ☞ Consider replacing tablecloths with place mats to prevent your child from pulling everything on the table onto herself.
- ☞ Hot beverages caused one-third of the burns to children under five.
- ☞ 64% of the people burned by hot beverages were under two.



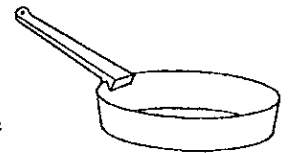
TAP WATER

- ☞ It takes only two seconds for water at 150°F to cause a third degree burn.
- ☞ Set your hot water heater to temperatures of 125°F or less. (Massachusetts law states that the temperature must be between 110°F and 130°F.)
- ☞ Test the bath water before you put the baby in it. The temperature of hot water can vary.
- ☞ Always supervise young children in the bath. Babies and toddlers like playing with knobs and levers. They may turn on the hot water when you turn your back.
- ☞ 40% of the tap water scald patients were under three years old.



COOKING

- ☞ Turn pot handles inward.
- ☞ Establish and enforce a **NO** zone around the stove. Do not let children play near the stove or barbecue. This protects children from cooking liquids, grease and the hot metal.
- ☞ One-third of the people burned by hot cooking liquids were under five. 13% of cooking grease scalds were to pre-schoolers.



Statistics were obtained from the 2000 Annual Report of the Massachusetts Burn Injury Reporting System.



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