



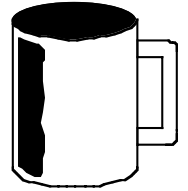
Hot Liquids Burn Like Fire

Protect your baby from scalds

Scalds caused 80% of all burns to children under five.

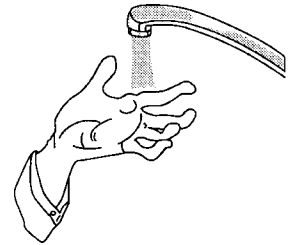
HOT BEVERAGES

- ✎ 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-half of the burns to children under five.
- ✎ Three-quarters of the people burned by hot beverages were under five.



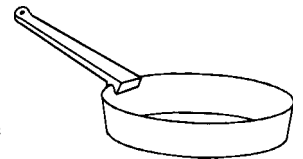
TAP WATER

- ✎ It takes only one second for water at 155°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.
- ✎ 55% 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-fifth of the people burned by hot cooking liquids were under five.



Statistics were obtained from the 2003 Annual Report of the Massachusetts Burn Injury Reporting System.



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