



Burn Awareness Week

Sunday February 7-13, 2010

Preventing Scalding and Gasoline-related Burns

The Chino Valley Fire District is a proud supporter of the 2010 National Burn Awareness Week

Scalds have been the leading cause of burn injuries every year, especially for children under five. These scalds are caused in the kitchen by hot liquids or pans pulled or knocked from the stove, or when coffee pots are pulled over. They are also caused in bathtubs, where tap water at 140 F will cause a serious burn in less than five seconds.

Older adults may receive burns from clothing ignition. Falling asleep while smoking or coming into contact with open flames are common causes. They are also more likely to sustain a tap water scald than younger adults.

The age of victims burned by improper gasoline product use extends from children to adults. The misuse of matches or lighters and the combined use of matches and gasoline result in many serious or fatal burns. Fueling a hot lawn mower, using gasoline as a solvent for paint brushes, putting charcoal lighter on hot coals and using a flammable liquid near an open flame are extremely hazardous actions which can result in severe burns.

Below are some tips to help keep you safe from burn injuries:

- Keep children away from cooking areas
- Turn pot handles inward to avoid them being knocked over
- Don't drink hot coffee or tea while holding babies or toddlers
- Place children facing away from faucets in bathtubs
- Never leave children alone in a tub, not even for an instant
- Store gasoline outside in approved safety cans and away from open flames
- Only fill small engines when they are completely cool, as gasoline vapors can ignite when an engine is turned off but still warm
- Never allow children to handle gasoline, even if under adult supervision

