

Be Burn Aware!

**Keep Children Safe
from Fire**

To Help Prevent Fires:

- FOLLOW SAFE COOKING PRACTICES: NEVER LEAVE FOOD THAT IS COOKING UNATTENDED; SUPERVISE CHILDREN IN THE KITCHEN.
- INSTALL AND MAINTAIN SMOKE ALARMS THROUGHOUT THE HOME AND TEST THEM MONTHLY.
- TEACH CHILDREN THAT FIRE, MATCHES AND LIGHTERS ARE NOT TOYS, AND ARE DANGEROUS.
- DO NOT OVERLOAD ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS OR EXTENSION CORDS.
- DO NOT PLACE ELECTRICAL CORDS OR WIRES UNDER RUGS, OR IN HIGH TRAFFIC AREAS.
- KEEP APPLIANCES IN GOOD WORKING ORDER.
- BE CAREFUL WHEN USING PORTABLE HEATERS. BE SURE THEY ARE KEPT AWAY FROM COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS.
- USE FIREPLACE SCREENS AND HAVE THE CHIMNEY CLEANED ANNUALLY.
- KEROSENE HEATERS SHOULD ONLY BE USED ACCORDING TO DIRECTIONS AND WHEN APPROVED BY AUTHORITIES.

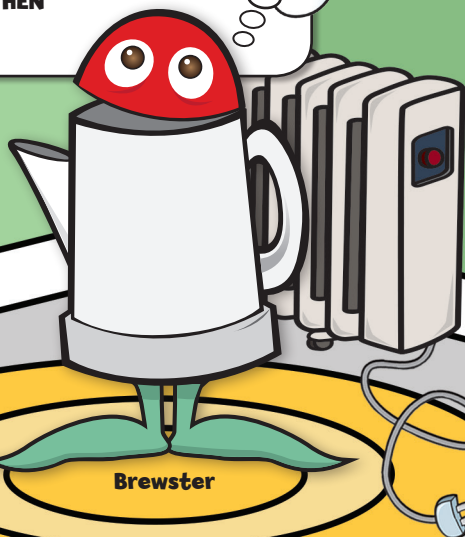


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**Call 911
in the case of
an emergency.**

Approximately 85 percent of fire-related deaths occur in homes. And every year, more than 400 children under age 10 die in home fires.



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Preventing Burn Injuries

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BE PREPARED FOR A FIRE:

- **HAVE AN ESCAPE PLAN, AND PRACTICE IT WITH YOUR FAMILY. IF YOU ARE IN A ROOM WITH A CLOSED DOOR WHEN FIRE OCCURS:**
 - > **DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR IF YOU SEE SMOKE UNDER IT.**
 - > **IF YOU DON'T SEE SMOKE, CHECK THE DOOR HANDLE. IF IT IS HOT, DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR.**
 - > **IF YOU CAN OPEN THE DOOR, AND THERE IS NO SMOKE OR HEAT, PROCEED QUICKLY TO YOUR EXIT.**
 - > **STAY LOW TO THE GROUND AS YOU EXIT.**
 - > **IF YOU CAN'T GET OUT RIGHT AWAY, YELL FOR HELP OR CALL 911 IF YOU HAVE A PHONE. DO NOT HIDE IN A CLOSET OR UNDER A BED.**

FIRE FACTS AND FIGURES:

- **Fires occur quickly. In less than 30 seconds a single flame can become a fire. In two minutes, it can become life-threatening; in five minutes a residence can be destroyed.**
- **Fires and burns are the third leading cause of deaths that occur in the home.**
- **Fires are the third-leading cause of injury-related fatalities among children ages 1-9, and the fourth most prevalent cause for children ages 10-14.**
- **In 2010, firefighters responded to more than 375,000 home fires in the U.S. These fires took the lives of more than 2,500 people and injured more than 13,000.**



Should an injury occur, call 911. If it is determined that a child needs treatment at a pediatric burn center, Shriners Hospitals for Children has expert centers located in Boston; Cincinnati; Galveston, Texas; and Sacramento, Calif.

Shriners Hospitals for Children® is changing lives every day through innovative pediatric specialty care, world-class research and outstanding medical education. The 22 locations in the United States, Canada and Mexico provide advanced care for children with orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate. For more information, visit shrinershospitalsforchildren.org.

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