



Every Day 100 Children are Burned

They are burned in the bathtub and kitchen and must be treated in hospitals. These scald burns can kill children. Usually they leave scars—on a child's face, hands, legs, chest—that can last a lifetime. Most scald burns happen in the kitchen. The worst ones happen in the bathtub. They happen most often to children under four years old.

IN THE BATHROOM

After the bathtub is filled, put your whole hand in the water and move it quickly back and forth for several seconds. If it feels even a little bit hot, then it is too hot for your child. Add more cold water. Repeat the test with other hand. When the water feels comfortable, it is safe to put your child in the bathtub.

Test the water before you put your child in the bathtub!

Children will turn on the water if they are left alone. One second! That's all it takes for hot tap water to burn a child. So when the phone rings or there is a knock on the door, stay with your child. Others can wait. When the kitchen timer goes off or another child needs you—and it can't wait—take your child with you.

Never leave your child alone in the bathtub!



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IN THE KITCHEN

Keep it out of reach!

Children are burned when hot liquids or food are left within their reach.

Put pans on rear burners.

Turn pot handles toward the back of the stove.

Place hot dishes at the back of the counter.

Keep hot foods away from the table's edge.

Keep appliance cords out of reach.

Only use tablecloths and place mats when children aren't around.