**Keep Your Child Safe**

Small children are curious and don’t always know danger when they see it. About 30 percent of all burns happen to children younger than 5 years of age. It’s our job as adults to protect them!

**Fire Safety**

- **Keep working smoke detectors near all sleeping areas.** Teach children how these smoke detectors work. Smoke is even deadlier than fire in a house fire. Arkansas has one of the highest rates of fire-related deaths in the country, and most of these deaths are due to smoke inhalation.

- **Practice fire escape plans with your family.** Everyone in the family should know how to exit your home safely in case of fire. Be sure to share this plan with grandparents, babysitters, and anyone else who is staying at your home.

- **Practice safety with your heating sources.** Have your furnace and fireplace checked for safety each year. If you rent, check with the landlord and ask him to provide this service. If you use a space heater, do not put anything on it or within three feet of it. Do not leave a baby or child alone with a space heater, and always turn it off before you go to bed.

- **Never use gasoline, diesel or other flammable liquids to burn leaves, brush, or trash.** Gasoline burns are all too common. The fumes alone can ignite with just a tiny spark, flame, or even a cigarette. Always use gas carefully.

- **Be careful with lighters and smoking materials.** Careless smoking is the most common cause of deadly home fires. Use care when smoking. Don’t smoke in bed or when you’re sleepy. Keep lighters and smoking materials locked up and out of sight of children, or **better yet – don’t smoke.** Call 1-800-QUIT-NOW for help.

- **Never leave a candle burning.** Blow it out when you leave the room.

**Scald Prevention**

A scald is a burn caused by hot liquid or steam. Sixty percent of all scald injuries happen to children age 4 and younger.

- **Keep kids out of the kitchen.** Kids get burned in kitchens more than any other room of the house. **Hot foods and liquids** burn more small children than house fires, firecrackers, matches, lighters, and candles combined.

- **Set your hot water heater temperature to 120 degrees Fahrenheit or below.**

If you rent, ask the property owner to do this for you. Call a plumber or electrician if you need help.

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Sources: American Academy of Pediatrics, Arkansas Children's Hospital Burn Center, Safe Kids

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