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Burn Awareness Week: Feb. 7-13

Shriners Hospitals for Children® recently announced its continued sponsorship of Burn Awareness Week, taking place the second week of February. The focus this year is on gasoline safety and the prevention of scald injuries among children.



Available on the website (www.burnawarenessweek.org) are in-depth fact sheets and educational materials about how to prevent burns related to gasoline, hot water faucets, and other scald risks. Included are the following tips for gasoline storage:



- DO store gasoline only in an approved gasoline container.
- DO store gasoline in a well-ventilated outside storage area that is not attached to your home, such as a shed or garage, preferably in a locked cabinet. Be sure there are not any ignition sources nearby.
- DO keep only the minimum amount of gasoline required (generally, no more than a gallon).

DON'T store gasoline in a glass jar, milk jug or any other non-approved container.
DON'T store gasoline anywhere inside a home or vehicle.

Partnership Updates and Upcoming Events

SAVE THE DATES PSM Quarterly Meetings

Monday, Feb. 8th

Annual Business Meeting &
Presentation of the Top
Four Injury Issues in MD

- 1) Falls
- 2) Poisonings
- 3) Motor Vehicle Crashes
- 4) Interpersonal Violence

Visit our website for loca-
tion and registration form.

Tuesday, April 27th

Core Competencies Skills Development
including the following sessions:

- 1) Promoting Safe Behaviors: How can behavior change theories help?
- 2) Adding Power to Our Voices: Framing Messages in Communicating About Injury
- 3) Media Advocacy: Getting your issue covered

Location and registration information coming soon!

JOHNS HOPKINS 18th ANNUAL SUMMER INSTITUTE:

"Principles and Practice of Injury Prevention"

June 6-9, 2010 in Baltimore, MD

Visit www.jhsph.edu/injurycenter for registration information.



DID YOU KNOW?

THE U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION (CPSC) URGES ALL USERS TO LOWER THEIR WATER HEATERS TO **120 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT!**

According to the National Safe Kids Campaign, 4,000 to 5,000 children are scalded each year, most while bathing. Continuous supervision of young children is the most important factor in preventing tap-water scald burns, but there are additional simple preventive measures that can be taken, including:

- Lower the temperature settings on water heaters to 120° F (49° C) or less.
- Install anti-scald devices on water faucets and shower-heads.
- When filling the bathtub, turn on cold water first. Mix in warmer water carefully.
- Check the water temperature by rapidly moving your hand through the water. If the water feels hot to an adult, it is too hot for a child.
- Use knob covers on faucets.



≤120°F



Scalds also occur in the kitchen and dining room. Many of these can be prevented by:

- Using oven mitts or hot pads when cooking.
- Turning pot handles inward.
- Thoroughly stirring all microwaved food.
- Never heating baby bottles in a microwave.
- Not using deep fryers around children.

Source: Shriners Hospital for Children® (www.burnawarenessweek.org)

PARENTS

IS YOUR OLDEST CHILD 2-11 YEARS OLD?

The Oregon Center for Applied Science is seeking volunteers in the Baltimore area to test a computer-based program on injury prevention skills for parents of children ages 2—11. Compensation is \$50 for a 2-4 hour time commitment over 30 days.

Visit: <http://familysafety.orcasinc.com> or call 1-877-366-3119 for more information.

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