

Preventing Burns

- ❑ Turn all pot and pan handles to the back of the stove.
- ❑ Avoid using tablecloths that can be pulled down so hot liquid (coffee, tea, soup, etc.) will not be spilled onto your child.
- ❑ Keep all appliances and their cords away from the edges of counters or tabletops. All cords should be coiled up and tied.
- ❑ Whenever handling hot liquids, check to see where your baby/small child is BEFORE picking up pot, pan or teakettle.
- ❑ Never drink anything hot while holding baby or small child.
- ❑ Keep children far away from spattering grease.
- ❑ Be sure to keep woodstove and electric space heaters surrounded by safety grate/guard.
- ❑ Keep curling iron and hair dryer unplugged and stored in safe place when not in use.
- ❑ Lower thermostat on hot water heater to 120 degrees to help avoid burns.
- ❑ Always check water temperature before putting child in bathtub/shower or putting child's hand under a faucet.
- ❑ Use cool mist humidifier instead of a steam vaporizer.
- ❑ Keep cigarette lighters and matches well out of reach of children.
- ❑ Do NOT allow children to play with fireworks.
- ❑ Before placing child in car seat or allowing small children to sit in car in warmer weather, check temperature of seat, especially if vinyl-coated.
- ❑ Install smoke detectors in every level of the home and near sleeping areas
- ❑ Test smoke detectors monthly, replace batteries yearly
- ❑ Establish a family fire escape plan, have several working fire extinguishers in areas like the kitchen, furnace room and near fireplaces