TAKE THE SCALD TEST:

T or F  Hot liquids can cause life-threatening burn injuries.
T or F  Scalds are the #1 cause of burn injury to children under age 4.
T or F  Accidents are more likely to happen when caregivers are in a hurry, angry, or stressed.
T or F  Microwaved foods can cause serious burns (even when they don’t seem hot).
T or F  Tap water above 120°F can cause a 3rd degree burn in 5 seconds.
T or F  Hot tap water accounts for 17% of all childhood scald hospitalizations.

Scalds Can be Prevented:

Always supervise children in the kitchen.

- High chairs, feeding tables, etc. can limit a child’s mobility while cooking.
- Test all heated liquid/food before giving it to a child or placing it within his/her reach.
- Keep a “3 foot safety zone” around hot objects in the kitchen and elsewhere in your home which children are not allowed to enter.
- Keep coffee, tea and other hot beverages a safe distance away from children. Never leave them unattended.
- Keep pot handles turned toward the back of the stove. Cook on rear burners. Install stove guards.

Keep household water temperature at or below 120°
More Safety Facts on SCALD BURNS

HOT TAP WATER AND SCALDS
A major cause of burn injury; young children and older adults are at greatest risk.

The following measures can help prevent tap water scalds:

 gebruw Before placing a child into the bath or getting into the tub yourself, TEST THE TEMPERATURE of the water by moving your hand rapidly and carefully through it.

_gem The temperature of water making contact with skin should not exceed 100°F.

_gem Never leave a young child unattended in the bathroom or tub.

_gem Use caution when bathing a small child in the sink. Single lever faucets are easy for young children to turn on.

_gem Adjust the thermostat on your water heater to produce a water temperature of 120°F or less.

_gem Consider installing “anti-scald” devices on faucets and shower heads to prevent accidental scalds.

HOT WATER CAUSES THIRD DEGREE BURNS . . .

in 1 second at 156°F
in 2 seconds at 149°F
in 5 seconds at 140°F
in 15 seconds at 133°F

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