

**PLAY IT
SAFE,
GEORGIA!**

For Clinicians

BURN SAFETY

Georgia Chapter

American Academy of Pediatrics

DEDICATED TO THE HEALTH OF ALL CHILDREN®



Why We CARE

- 75%** of burns in **children under age 5** result from scalding with **hot liquids, tap water, or steam**.
- 1,742** **Emergency Department visits** for burns occurred in **Georgia** in 2021.
- 243** children in **Georgia** under age 18 were **hospitalized with burn injuries** in 2021.

**DID YOU
KNOW?**



Children under age 4 **do not yet have the mental capacity to know to avoid hot liquids.**

How to PLAY IT SAFE

Talk with parents and caregivers about reducing burn risk at home. Some conversation starters:

"Do you realize that one of the **most important words you can teach your child is the word "hot"**?"

"Have you considered **setting your water heater to 120°F (48°C) or lower?** Or **placing anti-scald devices on faucets and shower heads?**"



Give them the **Toolkit sheet for Parents and Caregivers**—and **point out the sections on How to Play It Safe and First Aid for burns.**

Burn Classification

Superficial (Primary): Skin is red, does not blister, painful. Involves only the epidermis.

Partial thickness (Secondary): Skin is red, blisters, and is painful and swollen. Involves the epidermis and part of the dermal layers.

Full thickness (Tertiary): Skin appears white, charred, and is painless. Burn is through entire epidermal and dermal layers.

Unsure whether a burn requires advanced care? Consult a burn center such as:

Joseph M. Still Burn Center, 404-732-7060

Walter L. Ingram Burn Center, 404-616-1000



Tell Caregivers to **SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION** if a burn is blistering, swollen, and larger than the child's hand or if the burn is on the hand, foot, face, or genitals, or over a joint.

Call 911 for electrical burns.

PLAY IT SAFE

with poison prevention, safe sleep, firearms, teen driving, and more in the **new Georgia AAP Toolkit**—gaaap.org/play-it-safe/.

