

## Toddlers and burn injuries

- Toddlers will reach and pull containers that contain hot food or liquid from counters and stove tops.
- The most common burn injury is scalding burns from hot tap water, boiling water, coffee and hot food.
- Scalding burns are the most common burn injury sustained by children not related to sun over-exposure.
- Another source of burn injury includes propelling a walker towards a fireplace with a fire.
- Death related to fire and burns is the third leading cause of injury-related deaths in children between the ages of one and nine years of age.
- The skin of a toddler is thin and prone to sunburn and injuries such as burns from hot liquids or flames.
- Sunburns are preventable injuries and are a very common type of burn in toddlers.
- According to the American Burn Association, young children and people with disabilities are more at risk for sustaining burn injuries.
- The injuries are most commonly sustained in the kitchen, followed by the bathroom or area where bathing is performed.
- Toddlers do not have the developmental skills to regulate play in weather conditions therefore they are prone to heat exposure unless a caregiver removes them before a prolonged period of time goes by.