

### Types of burn injuries in infants and toddler

- The age of children does impact the degree of risk for certain types of burn injuries.
- For the infant and toddler population, scalding burns from hot liquid is the most common type of burn.
- The cause of a burn injury influences how well a child will heal from the injury.
- Burns from scalding hot liquid on a small surface area, though very painful, tend to heal a little better than electrical burn injuries.
- Though scalding wounds can be debilitating.
- If a child is scalded by submersion in a hot tub, the injury is life threatening due to the large surface area of injury.
- Electrical burn injuries involve trauma associated with electrical current passing through the body leaving traumatic injury in its path, such as neurological damage and heart problems.
- The superficial area of electrical burn does not necessarily reflect the true extent of internal injury from electricity.
- Toddlers must be watched closely because they may also put their mouths on electrical cords or stick their fingers and other items into electrical sockets.
- Toddlers have also been known to tip their walkers into fire places when left unattended in environments with open flames.