Burn and Scald Injuries Among Children Age 0-19 Years

Arizona, 2012

2,497 Arizona children were hospitalized or seen in an emergency department for a non-fatal burn injury in 2012.

5 children died from fires.

The longest hospital stay for a non-fatal burn injury was 144 days.

99% of all burns injuries among children were unintentional.

271 of the non-fatal hospitalizations and ED visits were from fire or flames.

The 2,294 non-fatal emergency department visits totaled $3.4 million in hospital charges.

On average, each non-fatal inpatient hospitalization cost $56,943.

Total hospital charges for all non-fatal inpatient hospitalizations was $31 million.

Prevent burn injuries from fire and hot objects

- Set your water heater to 120 degrees or less
- Test bath water before putting a child in it
- Keep electrical cords out of children’s reach, so they can’t pull hot appliances down
- Watch children around space heaters
- Store chemicals and cleaning products in a locked cabinet
- Create and practice a family fire escape plan
- Make sure cigarettes are completely out
- Never leave candles unattended
- Install smoke alarms in your home
- Seek immediate medical attention for burns to the face, hands, or feet