



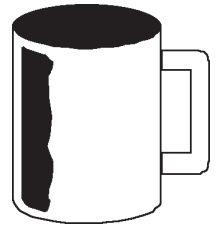
# Hot Liquids Burn Like Fire

*Protect your baby from scalds*

**Scalds caused 84% of all burns to children under five.**

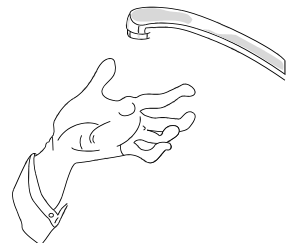
## HOT BEVERAGES

- ✎ Put the coffee down when you hold the baby. A wiggling baby can jiggle your arm and spill the drink all over himself.
- ✎ Put drinks and soups toward the center of the table away from curious fingers. Babies like to grab things.
- ✎ Consider replacing tablecloths with place mats to prevent your child from pulling everything on the table onto herself.
- ✎ Hot beverages caused almost one-quarter of the burns to children under five.
- ✎ Seventy-six percent (76%) of the people burned by hot beverages were under five.



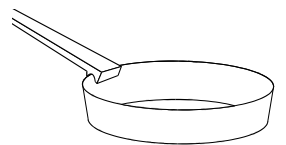
## TAP WATER

- ✎ It takes only one second for water at 155°F to cause a third degree burn.
- ✎ Set your hot water heater to temperatures of 125°F or less. (Massachusetts law states that the temperature must be between 110°F and 130°F.)
- ✎ Always supervise young children in the bath. Babies and toddlers like playing with knobs and levers. They may turn on the hot water when you turn your back.
- ✎ Test the bath water before you put the baby in it. The temperature of hot water can vary.
- ✎ Seventy-one percent (71%) of the tap water scald patients were under five years old.



## COOKING

- ✎ Turn pot handles inward.
- ✎ Establish and enforce a **NO** zone around the stove. Do not let children play near the stove or barbecue. This protects children from cooking liquids, grease and the hot metal.
- ✎ Children under five were 3 ½ times more likely to be burned by cooking activities.
- ✎ Twenty-two percent (22%) of all cooking-related burns were suffered by children under five years old.



*Statistics were obtained from the 2007 Annual Report of the Massachusetts Burn Injury Reporting System.*



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