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BURNS & SCALDS

Critical Burns are those involving breathing difficulty, burns covering more than one body part, burns to the head, neck, hands, feet or reproductive areas and burns resulting from chemicals, explosions, or electricity. A critical burn can be life threatening – get immediate medical attention.

Severe Burns may be caused by dry heat, moist heat (steam, hot liquids), electricity, friction, or corrosive chemicals. The severity of a burn depends partly on the area of the skin damaged and partly on the depth of the injury. A severe (third-degree) burn will destroy all the layers of the skin, leaving a relatively painless area that may look white or charred.

Dealing with Burns: If someone's clothing is on fire, throw the person to the ground with the burning side uppermost. Smother the flames with whatever is at hand, directing the flames away from the head towards the feet. Avoid pricking or bursting blisters, and do not breathe or cough over the burned area. Quickly remove anything constricting (shoes, rings, bracelets) from the burned part, because later it will swell and make it difficult to remove them. *Do not* dress the burn with anything fluffy such as cotton, and *do not* apply any lotions or ointments to it.

Care for burns involves the following three basic steps:

1. Stop the Burning – put out the flames or remove victim from the source of the burn.
2. Cool the Burn – use large amounts of cool water, soaked towels, sheets, wet cloths, etc., to cool the burned area.
3. Cover the Burn – use dry sterile dressings or a clean cloth. Loosely bandage them.

Chemical Burns to the skin or eyes need to be flushed with large amounts of cool running water until the paramedics arrive. Remove clothing that has the chemical on them.

Electrical Burns: the burn itself will not be the major problem. Never go near a victim until you are **sure** the power is off. Check breathing and pulse if the victim is unconscious.

Meeting Conducted By:

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Notes & Suggestions

Document Filing Reference