

# PAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

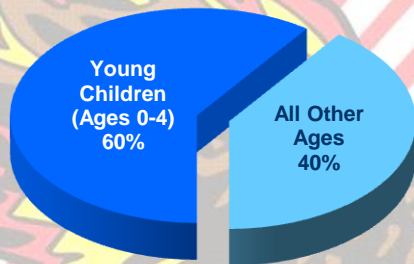
## SAFETY MESSAGE

**National Burn Awareness Week - February 3-9, 2013**

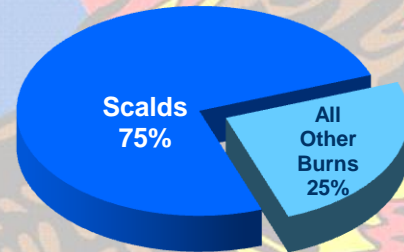
The Page Fire Department, in partnership with The Burn Institute, and the American Burn Association, is proud to be a part of the Scald Injury Prevention Campaign during the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual National Burn Awareness Week, February 3-9, 2013.

The three most at risk populations are younger children, older adults and people with disabilities.

**60% of all scald injuries are to young children**



**75% of all burns to young children are scalds**



According to the American Burn Association, one child is burned by hot liquids in their home every 7.5 minutes in North America.

A child's high energy and natural curiosity places them at a higher risk of sustaining burns and scalds. Continuous supervision of young children is the most important factor in prevention of scald burns, but there are additional preventive measures you can take including:

- When bathing a child, always turn on the cold water before the hot. Check the temperature before putting your child in the bathtub. Always position them so that their backs are facing away from the faucet and never leave them unattended
- Consider adjusting your hot water heater to a maximum temperature of 120 F to avoid scalds
- Place hot food and beverages in the centre of the table, and avoid using tablecloths that could easily be pulled off
- When cooking, always turn pot handles towards the centre of the stove and do not leave appliance cords within reach of children

- Avoid wearing loose clothing while cooking, barbecuing or attending to a fire pit or fireplace
- Store lighters and matches out of sight and reach of children
- Protect skin from the sun and always use a sunscreen with a high SPF rating.

## STAY FIRE SAFE!

Please use National Burn Awareness Week to commit to Scald Injury Prevention. For more information, please visit The Burn Institute [www.burninstitute.org](http://www.burninstitute.org) or the American Burn Association [www.ameriburn.org/preventionBurnAwareness.php](http://www.ameriburn.org/preventionBurnAwareness.php) for helpful prevention tips.

