



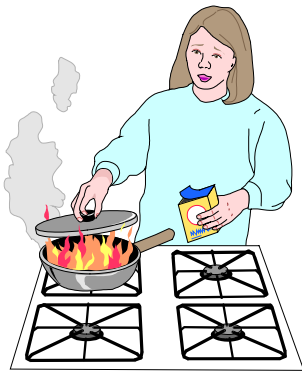
**Albany Fire Department
Fire Prevention and Public Education Division**

FEBRUARY SAFETY MESSAGE

Hundreds of thousands of burn victims are treated by doctors or admitted to hospitals for agonizing, lengthy treatment each year. To help avoid this, we offer the following precautions:

PREVENT COOKING OIL BURNS

- ⊕ All cooking oils will burn if overheated. **DO NOT LEAVE HEATED OILS UNATTENDED!**



- ⊕ If the contents of a frying pan do ignite, turn off the heat and extinguish the fire by covering the pan immediately with a lid. **REMAIN CALM AND DO NOT ATTEMPT TO REMOVE THE BURNING PAN OF OIL FROM THE STOVE. CALL 9-1-1.**
- ⊕ Used cooking oil should be cool before it is poured into any container for storage or disposal.
- ⊕ **NEVER POUR HOT OIL BACK INTO ITS ORIGINAL CONTAINER SINCE IT IS NOT DESIGNED TO WITHSTAND THE HIGH TEMPERATURES REACHED BY OILS DURING COOKING.**
- ⊕ Keep pots and pan handles on the stove turned in to prevent accidental bumping.
- ⊕ Keep children away from areas where hot liquids are present.
- ⊕ Keep appliance cords unplugged and/or disconnected when not in use.

PREVENT HOT WATER BURNS

- ⊕ The simplest way to prevent scald injuries in the bathroom is to carefully regulate the temperature of the hot water.
- ⊕ The proper way to fill a bathtub or adjust the shower is to run the cold water first and then gradually add hot water until you reach the desired temperature.
- ⊕ If possible, set your water heater thermostat to low, warm or 120 degrees (few people bathe at temperatures above 110 degrees F).

- ⊕ A severe scald can happen in just the time it takes to answer the phone or doorbell. Although children often cannot distinguish between hot or cold water faucets, they are certainly able to turn a faucet on or off.
- ⊕ Children should always be supervised while in the tub.

BURN PREVENTION

- ⊕ If it is necessary to store gasoline, do so only in an approved metal safety can away from open flames (i.e., water heaters and pilot lights) and out of reach of children.
- ⊕ Never remove an automobile radiator cap while it is hot. Allow it to cool first and protect your hands and arms when opening it. Never lean over a radiator when opening it, always keep your face away to prevent any liquid from spraying into your face or eyes.
- ⊕ If you have any questions please call Albany Fire Department Fire Prevention at 510-528-5775.