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Burn Awareness Week, February 3-9 2013

February 3-9 is Burn Awareness Week in the Province of British Columbia. This annual campaign is initiated by the BC Professional Fire Fighters Burn Fund to promote awareness about the risks of burns - specifically to children.

The target is to remove or reduce the potential hazards of burns, in order to prevent burns in the home.

The Campbell River Fire Department wishes to remind our citizens that scald burns account for the highest number of burns to children and, as such, it is important to keep children safe from hot liquids that produce these types of burns.

Here are some important tips for burn safety:

1. Hot water at 60°C (140°F) can scald and burn within seconds. Always test the water temperature for your children before letting them into the bath or shower.
2. Check the temperature setting on your hot water heater. Could the temperature be lowered slightly?
3. Cool any burns immediately by immersing it in cold water for at least 10 minutes. Never use ice or ointments. Call 911 if someone has suffered a severe burn.
4. Keep matches and lighters out of the reach of children. They are not toys and should not be left where children will be tempted to play with them.

For more information on the dangers of burns and to learn about ways to keep your family safe, please visit the Burn Fund at www.burnfund.org.

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