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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 and reproductive areas and burns resulting from chemicals, explosions or electricity. A critical burn can be life threatening and needs 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 up. 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, blow 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. Giving **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 dressing or a clean cloth. Loosely bandage them in place.

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 may be a major concern, but NEVER go near a victim until you are sure the power is off. Otherwise you may be electrocuted. Check breathing and pulse if the victim is unconscious.

Meeting Conducted By:

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Document Filing Reference

Notes & Suggestions