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Burn Awareness Week focuses on burn injuries.

McKinney Fire Department offers prevention tips

McKINNEY, Texas (February 2, 2017) – A pot of coffee, a bath and a burning fireplace all have the potential to cause one of the most common accident: burns. National Burn Awareness Week is Feb. 5-11 and the McKinney Fire Department (MFD), in cooperation with the American Burn Association (ABA), offers the following tips to prevent injury:

- Never carry or hold a child while cooking on the stovetop or while carrying hot food or liquids.
- Create a “kid free zone” around the stove/oven, indoor and outdoor fireplaces, charcoal and gas grills.
- Always use the back burner of your stove and turn pot handles away from the edge. Keep hot foods and beverages away from the edge of counters.
- Set your water heater to 120 degrees Fahrenheit or less. Children and the elderly are often burned by hot water coming from home faucets.
- Make a habit of placing matches, gasoline and lighters in a safe place, out of children’s reach. Avoid novelty lighters or lighters that look like toys.

The ABA states that roughly 450,000 patients receive hospital and emergency room treatment for burns each year. This statistic does not account for burn injuries treated in hospital clinics, private medical offices, or community health centers. Of these burn injuries, roughly 3,400 burn injury deaths occur each year. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), burns and fires are the third leading cause of death in the home. The majority of this injuries were preventable.

For more information on preventing burns or other injuries, visit www.mckinneyfire.org or American Burn Association at www.ameriburn.org and view their [Promotional Video](#).

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About McKinney

McKinney, Texas, is unique by nature. As one of the fastest growing cities in America, McKinney has a current population of more than 162,000. The city was #1 on the list of Best

Places to Live in America in 2014, published by *Money Magazine*. Established in 1848, the city is located 30 miles north of Dallas and is the county seat of Collin County. McKinney offers award-winning schools, a vibrant historic downtown, diverse housing options, a robust economy and a uniquely beautiful natural setting, with rolling hills and lush trees. Visit the city's website at www.mckinneytexas.org.

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