



Working together to Safeguard Children in BaNES e-NEWSLETTER

2nd Edition: Burns in Children
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10- 14% of children admitted to Burns Units have abusive burns.

The challenge in children is to distinguish intentional burns from unintentional burns and to recognise other skin conditions which may mimic burns.

16.3% of those with abusive burns also have fracture.

Intentional scalds:

- The majority of intentional scald injuries are caused by **hot tap water**, usually due to **forced immersion**
- The **lower limbs** are usually involved or the **buttock** and **perineal areas**
- A **posterior location of a burn is significantly associated with abuse**
- Scald margins usually have **clear upper limits**, with glove or stocking distribution to the upper or lower limbs
- There is **usually skin folds sparing** e.g. in the popliteal area
- There is **central sparing of the buttocks**, sometimes referred to as a doughnut ring pattern in immersion injuries

Unintentional scalds:

- The majority of unintentional scalds are due to hot beverages or liquids being pulled off a table top or stove, or scalds when opening a microwave when preparing convenience foods
- Unintentional scalds are **predominantly spill injuries**
- Few unintentional scalds are caused by immersion

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UPCOMING LEVEL 3 CORE COMPETENCIES TRAINING FOR GPs & PNs: Please contact Anne/BGPert to book

17TH JUNE: 9-1 BOARD ROOM, ST MARTINS ; TRAINING FOR NEW PRACTICE SAFEGUARDING CHILDRENS LEADS

1ST JULY : 7-9PM RUH PGMC, BGPert; LEARNING FROM LOCAL AND NATIONAL SERIOUS CASE REVIEWS

NEXT SAFEGUARDING LEADS MEETINGS:

1ST JULY : 12.30-2.30 SALT FORD GOLF CLUB : JOINT WITH PROVIDER SAFEGUARDING CHILDRENS LEADS