Scald injuries happen when skin comes into contact with hot liquid or steam.

Children younger than 4 years old are at high risk for this type of burn. A curious child can turn on the hot water or pull hot liquids off a table or stove.

*Young children have thinner skin than adults, putting them at higher risk of burn injury.*

Mercy Injury Prevention Program recommends that children stay out of the kitchen during meal preparation because of the dangers of hot liquids, grease, and hot foods. These items spilled on a child can cause serious burns.

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**Tips to prevent scald injuries and burns:**

- Supervise young children at all times.
- Never hold a child and carry hot foods or drinks.
- Avoid using tablecloths with hot items on them. Children can pull items down on themselves.
- Check food and bottle temperature before giving to children.
- Set your hot water heater temperature at 120 degrees F.
- Check the water temperature prior to placing children into a tub or shower.

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Scald Burns - Ouch ... That’s too hot!