

# Child Safety Around Gas Fireplaces



**3rd degree burns are serious and can happen in less than 1 second from contact with the glass on the front of a gas fireplace.**



Every day,  
**3 children**  
under age 6 go to the  
ER for burns related  
to fireplaces, including  
gas fireplaces.



Young children can be  
**unsteady** as they  
learn to walk, often  
using surfaces within  
their reach to pull  
themselves up.



Little ones have  
**slower reflexes**  
and may not be able to  
move their hands away  
quickly when they touch  
something hot.



Young kids have  
**thinner skin**  
on their palms than  
adults, which can  
lead to more serious  
burn injuries.

## How hot are they?



boiling water



baking a cake



hair iron



glass on a  
gas fireplace

## Tips for Parents and Caregivers

**Watch children around fireplaces.**  
When a gas fireplace is turned on, the glass is extremely hot and can take more than an hour to cool down after it is turned off. Keep children away from the fireplace to prevent burns from the hot glass.

**Make sure your gas fireplace has a safety screen or safety gate.** These barriers help keep children away from the hot glass on fireplaces. If you need a safety screen, contact the fireplace retailer or manufacturer for the best option for your fireplace.

**Keep fireplace remote controls out of children's reach and sight.** Make sure children also stay away from on and off switches for gas fireplaces.

**Think about places outside of your home with fireplaces.** When traveling to other homes, restaurants, hotels or resorts, there may not be a safety screen or safety gate installed. Keep children away from the fireplace and teach them not to touch the glass.

**If there is an emergency, call the doctor or 9-1-1 immediately.** Physicians can give you information on how to treat a burn correctly.

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