

ShoreSafe Community Trust



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Winter Months mean Fire Danger and Fire Safety

Special Stuff:

- Warm your home but do it safely
- Blow The Whistle anti-violence campaign
- Anti-social Behaviour
- Graffiti Reduction
- Safety in the Home

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I consider myself fortunate in that after accumulating a few decades of life, I have never suffered a bad burn that resulted in permanent scarring. I know of friends who have and it becomes a mental scar as well as a physical one. The best recipe for avoidance is to take more care and instill in those around you to be very, very, conscious of the danger and embrace safety whenever there is a risk nearby.

Smoke Alarms: I added the batteries for the alarms to my shopping list and made a point of picking them up and installing them without delay. If you have not done so already and perhaps not recently checked by pushing the little button, then put it on the list and make a point of getting fresh batteries this week.. These portable alarms use the 9v square battery with the two contacts on the top. Why not use the start of Daylight Saving as a day to change the battery.

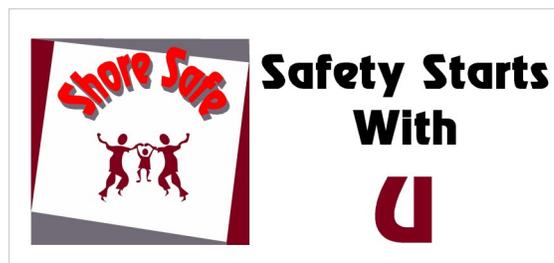
Here is some good advice and a great exercise as well. Conduct a risk assessment or audit of the fire risk places in your home. These will be the fireplace and the appliances in common use around the home such as irons, kettles, pots, heaters (including the popular BBQ heater). These are all capable of causing severe burns and scalds to children and others. Identify unsafe practices related to these dangers and see if there is a more safe way of using them in the future. Oh yes, one important thing: do visit www.burns.org.nz

Early in May there was a serious fire in the Bays which resulted in dreadful fatalities due to a fire in the night while all were sleeping—the battery in the smoke alarm had apparently expired that very day and the Fire Inspectors stated that lives would surely have been saved had it been working.

I have a friend in Birkenhead that lost his home this year to a down-light overheating and catching alight.—house gone but he was safely away at the time.

At the stove, are pot handles intentionally turned away when young children are in the house? Could a young child access the iron electric cord and potentially become a burn victim.

Lastly, know the safe way out and ensure the family does also. Ideally you should be identifying two exits from each room. Don't be afraid to educate others about fire safety in the home.



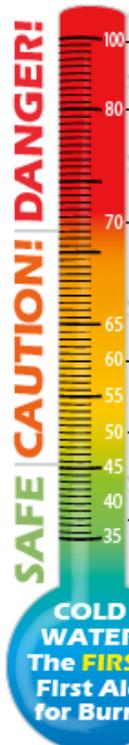


First Aid
Mr Quick Cool
says:
"Seconds to burn,
20 minutes to cool!!"

- Run water from the cold tap gently over the burn for 20 minutes or until an ambulance arrives.
- Do not touch the burn or burst any blisters as this can cause infection.
- Once cooled remove clothing from the burned area. If clothing sticks, cut around the fabric.
- Cover the burn with clean non-fluffy material, eg. a sheet or loosely cover with plastic wrap to prevent infection. (Do not cover the face)
- Seek advise from your doctor or hospital.



SAFE CAUTION! DANGER!



WATER BOILS 100

Common Wetback Temperature 80

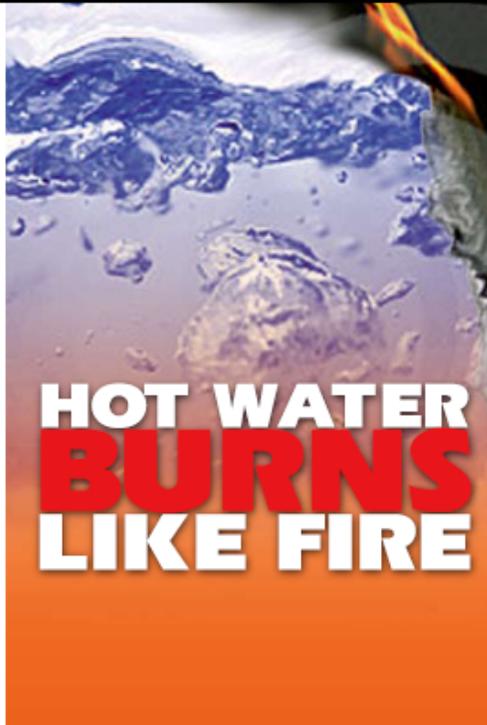
Will burn a child's skin instantly 70

CAUTION! 1 Second to burn a child's skin 60

40 Seconds - 1 minute to burn a child's skin 50

Safe Hot Shower Temperature 38°C - 42°C 35-40

COLD WATER, The FIRST First Aid for Burns



HOT WATER BURNS LIKE FIRE

Two thirds of all hospital admissions for burns are as a result of accidents involving hot water, hot food, hot drinks or steam.

This brochure is for parents and caregivers. It contains some safety tips to help you protect young children from burns in the home.



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Upcoming Events

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Blow the Whistle on Violence campaign. This is a well constructed, invaluable campaign that will impact on our kiwi communities. As citizens of this great country, we do need to eliminate family violence.

You can view this on the YouTube clip and then decide how best you can support this campaign. It is well done with top sports stars are on board.. Watch out for promotional information at a club or other location near you.

<http://youtu.be/Naiojd3jeSA> Contact ShoreSafe for information of what is being planned.

blowthewhistle.co.nz



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Youth Opportunities this Summer

ShoreSafe is planning to host a forum later this year to explore ways we can create more opportunities or projects. If you would like to participate, please contact ShoreSafe and register your interest. We'd like to hear from Employers, GO's and Non—GO's, Community Groups (i.e. Rotary, Lions), Gateway Coordinators, Church Groups and student reps etc.

Stopping Family Violence. Eight 'Creating Change' workshops were held in different locations during May and June. These workshops illustrated the many ways that people and organisations can create change in their communities and showcased successful examples the Campaign has supported.

Participants were from community and government organisations, sports groups, church groups and local bodies. A Creating Change Toolkit can be downloaded from the website www.areyouok.org.nz Hard copies can be ordered by emailing :

areyouok@msd.govt.nz.

Need to know more? Join Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/ItsNotOK>.

Reference: It's not ok e-news June 2011

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Put these details and dates in your diary—it's good general information to have at hand

Implementation Dates for Road Safety and Other Matters Amendment Bill

Provision	Implementation timeline
Raising the minimum driving age from 15 to 16.	1 August 2011
Strengthening of the restricted licence test.	Will be implemented from February 2012. Changes to allow this will come into force from 1 August 2011
Lowering the drink drive limit for drivers under 20 from 30 milligrams alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood to zero.	Will come into force 90 days after the date of Royal assent.
Lowering the drink drive limit to zero for repeat drink drive offenders.	Will come into force via an order in council. This is likely to be in 2012.
Increasing penalties for dangerous driving-type offences causing death.	Will come into force on the day after Royal assent.
Allow Police to take and provide to the Secretary for Transport for research purposes alcohol readings from all drivers involved in fatal or serious injury crashes who have a blood alcohol concentration between 0.05 and 0.08 (or equivalent breath alcohol concentration).	Will come into force 90 days after the date of Royal assent.
Develop an alcohol interlock programme for repeat drink drivers	Will come into force via an order in council. Additional work is also needed to support implementation. It is likely to come into force in 2012.
Ban the use or possession, in a motor vehicle, of equipment that interferes with speed measuring devices ('radar jammers').	Will come into force on the day after Royal assent.

Reference: Land Transport (Road Safety and Other Matters) Amendment Act 2011



safetyweek.co.nz

Next week is ACC's Safety Week and the focus is on preventing falls in the home. In 2010 there were over 260,000 people were injured from falls in and around the home. This cost New Zealanders more than \$272 million.

The key message for the week is that a serious fall can stuff up your plans. This idea gets people to think about the long term implications of a fall and highlights to them that falls can prevent you from working, going on family holidays, or stop you from supporting the Rugby World Cup.

Get involved in Safety Week by doing your part to help prevent a fall in and around your home. Whether it is replacing a light on the stairs or securing a rug that people keep tripping up on, small changes can make a big difference.

If you are working with employers or community groups, make sure they're aware of the resources and information available on www.homesafety.co.nz and encourage them to get involved in Safety Week 2011.

15—21 August Safety Week 2011



A good mat helps

ShoreSafe Community Trust
Stakeholder and Signatory Fo-
rum: 1230 hrs, 24th August at
Browns Bay Marine Rescue Cen-
tre. Help us plan for a safer
North Shore



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The ShoreSafe Community Trust AGM:
1430 hrs Wed 24th August
at Browns Bay Marine Rescue Centre
(behind BB Police Station). Community
interest is welcome.

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