



"Fighting fires is our primary job. However, preventing fires and burns are just as important to fire fighters. We hope that these burn prevention tips will help keep you safe."

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## **BURN** PREVENTION **TIP** **#1**

### **Gas Stations**

Did you know that using your cell phone while pumping gas is dangerous? So is getting in and out of your car while filling up.

Both activities generate static electricity which can spark a fire in your car's gas tank. Should this happen, do not remove the nozzle from your car. Let the fire burn itself out. If you take the nozzle out, the gas could cause an explosion.

Before starting to pump, touch a metal object (such as the car hood) with your hand to get rid of any built up static electricity.

## **BURN** PREVENTION **TIP** **#2**

### **Loose Clothing**

Tuck in all clothing around any open flame. The flames from a grill, fireplace or campfire will ignite loose clothing instantly.

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### **Careless Smoking**

If you choose to smoke, dispose of the matches and cigarettes carefully. Fire is even more dangerous than smoking.

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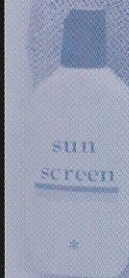
### **Car Repairs**

Don't hurt or injure yourself while repairing your car. Use extreme caution when working on a car battery or radiator.

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### **Too Much Sun**

Enjoy the sun, but don't push your luck. Always wear protective clothing and sunscreen. A bad burn today could become skin cancer in the future.



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### **Lit Candles**

Lit candles are open flames. Keep candles away from hair, clothes and curtains. Never go to sleep or leave the room while a candle is burning.



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**Refueling  
Hot Engines**

Never add fuel to a hot lawnmower or motorbike. Wait until it's cooled off to avoid a potential fire.

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**Aerosol  
Sprays**

Never light a match near an aerosol can. Many children are seriously injured each year by this dangerous activity.

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**Hair Dryers**

Dry your hair with care. Believe it or not, hair can be pulled into the dryer and catch on fire. Read the instructions on the dryer before you use it.

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**Hot Foods  
or Liquids**

Take extra care in the kitchen. Use oven mitts to carry hot liquids and foods. And always follow the directions when using a microwave.



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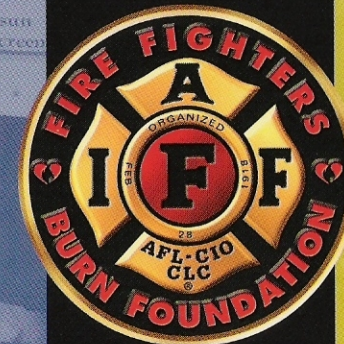
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