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RISK REMINDER

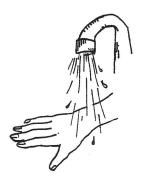
First Aid For Minor Burns



Minor burns can be first degree-red skin and possibly small blisters-or even second and third degree if they cover only small areas of the body, and aren't on the hands, face, feet or genitals. Anything else should be considered a major burn, requiring immediate medical attention.

Treating Minor Burns

- Cool the burn (flush it with water) and get rid of its cause
- Watch for shock and treat it if you need to
- Don't scrub the burn, break blisters or use neutralizers or ointments
- After flushing, cover the burn with a sterile bandage



Chemical Burns

- Follow any directions on the container's label
- Brush the chemical off if it is dry
- Rinse the burn with water for 15 to 20 minutes



Heat Burns

- Rinse with plain tap water until pain goes away
- Dry the burn by patting it with a sterile bandage, and cover



Electrical Burns

- Get the victim away from electrical current without touching it yourself
- Check breathing and heartbeat--do rescue breathing and CPR if necessary and you know
- Treat minor burns where electricity entered and left the body with cool water