

## **Burn Safety Tips**

- **Gas Stations.** Using your cell phone while pumping gas or getting in and out of your car while gas is being pumped into your fuel tank is extremely dangerous. Both activities generate “static electricity” which can “spark” a fire in your car’s gas tank. Should this occur – **DO NOT REMOVE** the nozzle from the car. Let the fire burn itself out (if you take the nozzle out it could cause an explosion). To prevent this from occurring, before you begin to pump fuel into your tank, touch a metal object (such as the car door or hood) with your hand to get rid of any build of static electricity.
- **Loose Clothing.** Tuck away all loose clothing when around open flames. The flames from a grill, fireplace or campfire can ignite clothing instantly.
- **Car Repairs.** Use extreme caution when working on a car battery or radiator.
- **Sunburn.** Enjoy the sun, but do not push your luck. Always wear protective clothing and sunscreen. A bad burn today could become skin cancer in the future.
- **Candles.** Keep candles away from hair, clothing, curtains and other combustible material. Never go to sleep or leave the room where a candle is burning.
- **Refueling Engines.** Never add fuel to a hot lawnmower, motor bike or any other such item where the fuel tank is in close proximity to the engine. Wait until the engine has cooled down to avoid a potential fire situation.
- **Aerosol Sprays.** Never light a match or a lighter near an aerosol can. Many children are seriously injured each year by this dangerous activity.
- **Hair Dryers.** Dry your hair with care. Believe it or not, hair can be pulled into the dryer can catch on fire. Read the instructions on the dryer before you use it.
- **Hot Foods or Liquids.** Take extra care in the kitchen. Use oven mitts to carry hot food dishes and liquid containers. And always follow the directions when using a microwave.