Keep Summertime Pastimes Safe by Preventing Gasoline Burn Injuries

Tips for Parents

Parents can keep summertime pastimes, like grilling and building campfires, safe for their kids this season by following the simple guidelines below. The consequences of gasoline burn injuries can cause severe and lifelong. They are also preventable.

Tips for parents in the safe handling of gasoline:

- **Never use gas to start a fire.** Parents who mix gas and fire put themselves — and anyone near them — at risk of injury or death. Kids also learn by example.

- **Talk to your kids about gasoline.** Teenager Austin Bailiff nearly died in a gas fire. Share his video with your child at [www.StopGasFires.org](http://www.StopGasFires.org).

- **Keep gas out of reach of children.** Out of sight isn’t enough, for any age. Store your gasoline where children cannot access it. Many parents keep their gas in a locked location.

- **Use a proper container.** Never use old soda bottles or other makeshift containers to store gas; someone might think it’s a beverage and drink it. And even a small cup of gasoline can emit vapors and may ignite.

- **Store gasoline in a well-ventilated area** outside your vehicle and living space. Consider a detached garage or outdoor storage shed.

- **Keep gas away from any source of heat, spark or flame.** Even common household appliances like water heaters and clothes dryers can ignite gas vapors.

- **Read the warning label on your gas can.** A list of safety precautions is imprinted on every approved portable gasoline container. Make sure you read the warnings if you store gasoline at home.

- **Visit StopGasFires.org** for more information and to help spread the word to other parents.

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