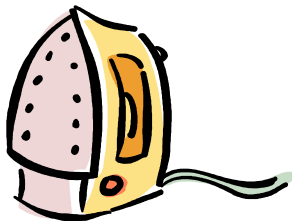


Clothing Iron Safety

Household clothing irons cause many burn injuries each year.

The majority of these injuries involve children under the age of 3.

Infants and toddlers are curious and like to explore their environment – they may touch an iron because they do not realize it is **HOT** – they may pull on the electrical cord causing the iron to topple over onto them.



Is the iron hot or cold?

It may take more than **one hour** for an iron to cool.



Ironing on the floor or bed can be dangerous – this puts the iron within a child's reach.

A household clothing iron can heat up to 425°F.

An iron may take up to **90 minutes** to cool to a safe temperature once it has been unplugged.

Iron Safety Tips

Iron on a high, stable surface such as an ironing board.

Make sure the electrical cord is out of reach.

Unplug the iron immediately after use and place the iron out of reach of children – *the kitchen stove top is a good place to let the iron cool.*



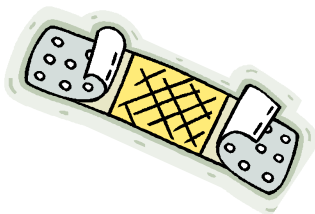
The 4 C's of Burn First Aid

Cool the burn with tap water –
no ice or ice water.

Clean the burn with soap and
water.

Cover the burn with a clean
towel or dry gauze.

Call your doctor if the burn is
bigger than the palm of your
hand or if the injury is not
better within 24 hours.



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Prevention of Clothing Iron Burns

