



Burn Awareness Week

Preventing Gasoline Burns

Important Information for Parents

Gasoline Use:

DO use gasoline only to fuel an engine. That is its only use!

DO remember that gasoline vapors can be ignited by a spark, flame or other source of heat that is located many feet away.

DON'T use gasoline anywhere near a barbecue grill.

DON'T use gasoline to light a barbecue grill or to start or accelerate a fire.

DON'T use gasoline as a cleaning fluid or solvent.

Handling Gasoline:

DO handle gasoline in a responsible manner.

DO remember that an engine that is still warm can ignite gasoline vapors. Only add gasoline when an engine is completely cool.

DON'T allow children to touch gasoline or a gasoline container, even under supervision.

DON'T handle gasoline near a flame source, such as matches, lighters and pilot lights on stoves and water heaters.

DON'T use gasoline indoors.

DON'T siphon gasoline by mouth, as it is harmful or fatal if swallowed.

DON'T induce vomiting if gasoline is swallowed. Instead, seek immediate medical attention.

Storing Gasoline:

DO store gasoline only in an approved gasoline container.

DO store gasoline in a well-ventilated outside storage area that is not attached to your home, such as a shed or garage, preferably in a locked cabinet. Be sure there are not any ignition sources nearby.

DO place the gasoline container out of reach of children.

DO keep only the minimum amount of gasoline required (generally, no more than a gallon).

DON'T store gasoline in a glass jar, milk jug or any other non-approved container.

DON'T store gasoline anywhere inside a home or vehicle.

DON'T store gasoline near a source of heat or sparks, such as a hot water heater, furnace, clothes dryer or any appliance that uses a pilot light.

About Gasoline Containers:

DO check gasoline containers for compliance with the ASTM F852 standard, which establishes performance requirements for portable gasoline containers intended for reuse by consumers. This compliance is indicated in writing on either side or the underside of all approved plastic gasoline containers.

DON'T put anything other than gasoline in a gasoline container.

DON'T drink anything out of a gasoline container.



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