

Consumer Product Safety Alert

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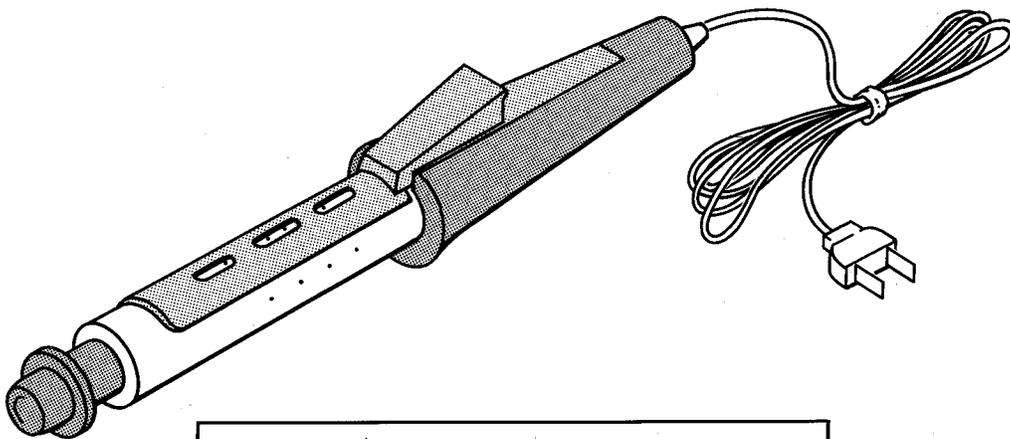
Young Children and Teens Burned By Hair Curling Irons

In an average year children under 5 years of age suffer approximately 7,700 burn injuries which require hospital emergency room treatment when they touched hot curling irons. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), burns to young children represented about 50 percent of all injuries with hair curling irons during these years. Teenagers and adults should never leave a hot curling iron where a young child can reach it.

Another hazard with hair curling irons is eye injury to the user. The CPSC estimates that there were

5,400 emergency room treated burns to the eye per year when users accidentally touched their eyes with the hot iron. Most victims were young women between 15 and 24 years old.

During the past few years, curling irons have been made to get hotter. These hotter curling irons may cause more severe injuries when young children touch them and when users inadvertently touch their eyes and face with the curling irons.



⚠ CAUTION

- Curling irons can burn.
- Keep hot curling irons away from young children.
- Be careful not to touch eyes or face with hot curling iron.