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WHO publication highlights practical solutions to burn prevention

Burns are a serious global public health problem, and fire-related burns alone result in more than 195 000 deaths per year. Published by WHO, *Burn prevention: success stories, lessons learned* presents the evidence for a variety of successful burn prevention strategies from around the world.

The publication focuses on practical, affordable, and sustainable solutions and shows clearly that much can be done to prevent burns and provide better care for them when they do occur. By reviewing and presenting the latest evidence on burn prevention in one place, the publication also seeks to catalyze increased burn prevention activities globally.

Approaches that have been shown to lower burn rates include smoke alarms, lowering hot water heater temperatures, regulating the flammability of clothing (especially children's sleepwear), and designing and distributing safe cooking stoves and lamps. The publication also covers advances in care which can reduce mortality, disability and suffering among those who are burned.

The intended target audience for this publication includes public health practitioners, burns-related NGOs, and professionals working in ministries of health, hospitals, clinics and other health care settings. The case studies emphasize the need for multidisciplinary collaboration and the role that people from many walks of life can play in developing and implementing burn prevention strategies.

Burn prevention: success stories, lessons learned is available here

http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/publications/other_injury/burn_success_stories/en/index.html

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