

PREVENTION

The number of accidents involving burns and scalds can be reduced by means of **education**. From the point of view of those affected, Paulinchen e.V. can particularly draw attention to the dangers and point out the most important help in case of an accident: cooling with water. You will find information on prevention on the homepage www.paulinchen.de

Paulinchen e.V.:

- has worked together with the Frankfurter advertising agency Publicis Vital to develop the prevention campaigns “Burning Curiosity” and “Safe BBQ’s without methylated spirits” which comprise adverts, posters and commercials. The campaigns are a donation from the agency Publicis Vital.
- works closely with **fire brigade experts** who carry out a large part of the child fire safety education in Germany.
- has developed and published the brochure “Campaign Paulinchen: how to protect your child against burns and scalds”.
- is a member of the Federal association for child safety “Mehr Sicherheit für Kinder e.V.”

AWARDS

- **National prize** of the Child Protection Prize of the Hanse Merkur Insurance
- **Promotional prize** of the Kroschke Foundation “Exemplary Support for Sick Children”
- **Comprix in Gold**, category OTC-market patient information for the campaign “Burning Curiosity”
- **Silver Award** “The best of Health Show” for the campaign “Burning Curiosity” in London
- **Georg Kurlbaum Prize** for social commitment

IF YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN BURNT OR SCALDED, IF YOU NEED INFORMATION OR PREVENTION MATERIAL CONTACT US:

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(12 Cent/Min.)

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Initiative for children with burns



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Information on the
initiative for children with burns –
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*Paulinchen e.V. was founded in 1993
to provide advice to families with children
and young people with burn injuries,
to help them with problems during
the rehabilitation period and to carry out
preventive work to avoid such accidents.*

*The association works nationwide
and is recognised by the tax office as
a charitable organisation.*

OUR MAIN TASKS ARE:

- **Advice and contacts**
for families with children and young people with burn injuries during their time in hospital and rehabilitation
- **Seminars**
as support for their rehabilitation and future
- **Representation of interests and lobby work**
- **Prevention**

SITUATION

Every year in Germany, around **7000 children** are so badly injured in burn and scald accidents, that they have to be hospitalised. For infants, in **80 % of cases**, the causes are hot liquids or touching hot objects. For older children the causes also include BBQ accidents, fires, electricity and acids.

Not only the children's skin is damaged, but their entire personality in terms of their physical-mental well-being. The burden of fear and pain after burns is enormous. Most children experience the accident in fully conscious state. The treatment is extremely painful and lengthy, the separation from the family in hospital a burden and the healing process marked by arduous therapies.

With children, scarred skin often does not continue to grow along with the rest of the skin, which entails subsequent operations. The rehabilitation measures and correction operations go on for many years. For the child and its family, the **psychological burden** of a life with often very visible scars is great.

SCIENTIFIC ADVICE

Paulinchen e.V. maintains close contact to specialists who treat children with burn injuries. Thus, an answer can be found to every special question.

In co-operation with specialists for the treatment of burns, Paulinchen e.V. tries to fill the gaps in the follow-up treatment of children with burns. These gaps result from the often large distances between people's homes and the specialized treatment centres, as well as the very small range of rehabilitation services on offer for children and young people with burns in Germany.

ADVICE DURING AND AFTER THE TIME IN HOSPITAL

During the hospital stay, talking with other sufferers can help to **clarify questions and problems**. Many parents obtain information by telephone and by post in order to be able to understand what has happened, and to prepare for the requirements of the rehabilitation.

Parents exchange experiences in regional groups, advisers hold lectures on fire injuries, addresses of therapists, experienced clinics and competent physicians are passed on by Paulinchen e.V. in order to facilitate a comprehensive rehabilitation. Questions on compression, liability, disability passes and tax allowances can be answered.

MAGAZINE AND HOMEPAGE "PAULINCHEN"

As a public medium, the magazine "Paulinchen" publishes reports on the experiences of affected families, gives tips and answers questions. Scientific papers help readers to understand the topic "burn injuries" better. Comprehensive information on the topic and on the work of Paulinchen e.V. can be accessed on the homepage www.paulinchen.de

SEMINARS

Children have accidents at different ages. Each development stage brings different problems. In order to give the children and young people the possibility to get to know other children and young people with burns, and in order to help parents with difficulties during rehabilitation and long-term correction planning, Paulinchen e.V. offers a seminar once a year.

Under the direction of remedial educationalists, the children and young people use play to work through the pain and fears **experienced**. They can talk about their own experiences with other sufferers of the same age and, with the help of the therapists, gain more confidence in further therapies.

Parents have the opportunity to ask a specialist about possible scar correction. An occupational therapist, a physiotherapist and a specialist for compression clothing are available for questions. **Perspectives** on the topic "burn injuries" are given under psychological direction in discussion circles.

ORDER FREE OF CHARGE

- **Brochures**
"Campaign Paulinchen – how to protect your child against burns and scalds"
- **Posters**
(Subjects: girl Lena and boy, BBQ, kite, doll, Indian, angel)
- **Leaflets**
"Information on Paulinchen e.V.," "Paulinchen Hotline"