

Canadian Burn Survivors Community (CBSC)

Thermal injury, scars, disfigurement, skin trauma, pain, psychological trauma.

Burn injuries or thermal injuries occur to skin and cause scarring and amputations, disfigurement and loss of function.



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Types

Burns can cause permanent scars or amputations. Permanent changes to appearance and skin.

Causes

Thermal injury caused by flame, electrical fire, chemicals, hot water etc.

Impact on the Survivor's Quality of Life

Mild to severe, depending on the extent of burn injury.

Burns are preventable! 2000 Canadians/year are hospitalized and require surgery.

Scalds are the leading cause of burns to children and the elderly.

Our community is not just limited to survivors but to everyone in the burn community.

Treatment and Care of Condition

Second and third degree burns require skin grafting, fourth degree burns require amputation, followed by years of therapy to maintain joint range of motion and minimize scarring. Skin often requires life-long special attention as sweat and oil glands may never recover. Scarring is usually permanent even with state of the art therapy.