
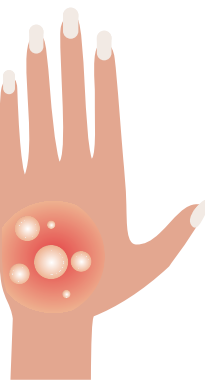
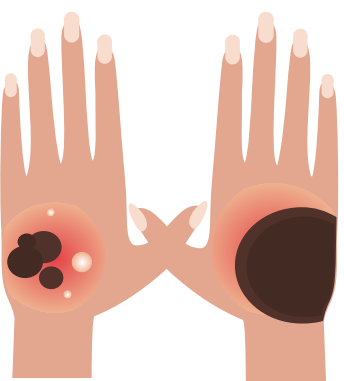


# How Deep Is Your Burn?

## First, Second, and Third Degree Burns

Burn Type	Definition & Examples	Common Characteristics	Visual
<b>First Degree</b>	<p>"Superficial" burns that affect only the <b>outer layer</b> of skin</p> <p><i>Ex. Mild sunburn, etc.</i></p>	Mild redness and swelling, moderately painful	
<b>Second Degree</b>	<p>"Partial-thickness" burns that affect the <b>outer layer and extend to the middle layer</b> of skin below</p> <p><i>Ex. Scald burn, etc.</i></p>	Skin may be red, blistered, moist, swollen, very painful	
<b>Third Degree</b>	<p>"Full-thickness" burns that affect the <b>deep layer</b> of skin</p> <p><i>Ex. Contact burn, flame burn, etc.</i></p>	Whitish, charred, or translucent, waxy, leathery, no pin prick sensation in burn area	

Source: The Diane & Bruce Halle Arizona Burn Center - Valleywise Health Team

**Even small burns can be deeper than they appear.**

Delaying care can lead to serious complications and damage. When in doubt or if you think a life is in danger, please call 911.