

Burn Depth

Body & health

How burns are classified, and which need medical care.

Educational reference. Cool all burns under running water for 20 minutes first.

Depth	Looks like	Care
Superficial	Red, dry, painful	Usually home care
Superficial partial	Blisters, wet, very painful	Medical advice
Deep partial	Blotchy, less painful	Medical care needed
Full thickness	White or charred, painless	Emergency

Always seek care for burns to the face, hands, feet, genitals or a joint; any burn larger than the person's palm; and all chemical and electrical