



# Mamingwey Burn Society

## Burns, scalds, electrical burns, scars, disfigurement, pain, psychological trauma

Burn injuries occur on the skin and can cause mild, moderate, or severe scarring and then the skin cannot function (i.e., lack of thermoregulation or ability to sweat, altered appearance, decrease in vitamin D production, etc.).

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## Types

Can be anywhere on the body, can cause permanent changes to appearance and function, and amputations.

## Causes

Thermal injuries are caused by flame, electrical fires or arcing, chemicals, hot liquids, etc.

## Impact on the Patient's Quality of Life

Mild to severe, depending on the extent and depth of the injury. Anyone can be affected by a burn injury. Burns are often preventable! The Mamingwey Burn Society is based in Manitoba, Canada where approximately 100 adults and children are admitted to hospital each year with a major burn injury that requires surgical interventions. The Mamingwey community includes survivors, their families, health care workers and fire fighters.

## Treatment and Care of Condition

Scarring occurs in second- and third-degree burns, even after state-of-the-art skin grafting; amputation may be required for really deep burns. Changes in appearance can cause psycho-social distress for survivors and their loved ones, and changes in function can mean a change of careers for many survivors. The Mamingwey Burn Society's mandate is to bring together survivors so they can share their stories and help each other heal.

