

How to Treat a Hot Glue Gun Burn

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A useful tool that can also cause a minor burn.

For many years, hot glue has been an invaluable tool for anyone who enjoys crafting, scrapbooking and making their own Halloween costumes. The uses for a hot glue gun are limitless and for the most part, these guns are safe to use. Unfortunately there are instances of people suffering from mild burns because of their hot glue guns. These burns can be treated at home and will not require immediate medical attention.

Instructions

- 1** Place the area that has received the burn under a tap that is running cold water. If the glue is somewhere on the body where this is not possible, place the body part in a bowl that is filled with cold water. Do not attempt to pull the hot glue off skin because this could cause the skin to be removed as well.
- 2** Allow the area that is covered with the glue to remain in the water for at least 10 minutes, or until the burning sensation has slightly subsided.
- 3** Gently rub the area that is covered with the glue with your fingers while that area is underneath the water. This will help remove the outermost layer of the glue, if any remains.
- 4** Gently attempt to remove the glue from your skin by rubbing it with a cotton ball that has been soaked in olive oil.
- 5** Rinse the oil from the area once the glue has been removed.
- 6** Rub the affected area with a cotton ball that has been soaked in white vinegar and take over-the-counter pain medication, as directed, for any pain that might occur.
- 7** Wrap the burned area in sterile gauze and apply antibiotic ointment if there are any signs of a second degree burn, which includes severe redness and blisters.

Tips & Warnings

- Avoid using butter on the burned area, as this could lead to an infection.
- Contact your doctor if the burn is very painful, any pus or discharge is present, or if the pain of the burn does not subside after two days.