

Motorcycle Burns: Don't Exhaust Your Possibilities - Cover Up

Mechanism of Injury:

Children riding motorcycles on properties with insufficient protection for their legs. Often these motorbikes do not have an adequate exhaust pipe guard.

Data:

In the six years from 1997 to 2002, 1633 children were treated for burns at the Royal Children's Hospital.

- 2% of all burns were from motorcycle exhausts
- Average age: 8 years
- Male : Female = 2:1
- Few were supervised by an adult
- Area of body most affected: Right leg
- 54% required skin grafting

Prevention Message:

- Make sure exhaust pipe has an adequate guard
- The child's legs must be protected by wearing trousers and boots



PREVENTION



**Exhaust pipes should always
have a guard**

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