Six Facts on Burns



Odds of winning the lottery: 1 in 135,145,920 (multi-state, mega millions lottery)
Odds of dying as a result of burns suffered in a fire or other event: 1 in 91,996 (American Council on Science and Health)

1. Four percent of burns in the US are electrical in nature, followed by chemical burns (three percent).
2. Between 8,000 and 12,000 patients suffering burns die in the US each year.
3. More than 15,000 chemical burns occur annually in the US.
4. Hot tap water is responsible for 29 percent of scalding burns each year in Canada.
5. Of patients admitted to specialized burn centers each year in the US, approximately 46 percent suffered their burns as a result of fires.