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### BSTTW Support Team

By: Michael Appleman, CEO

When a burn survivor suffers a burn injury the survivor, his/her family members, loved ones and friends also suffer emotional trauma. The **BSTTW Support Team (BST)** offers the support, information and friendship needed to for everyone involved work through the emotions.

So many individuals feel that the only person who suffers the emotional trauma from a burn injury is the burn victim. This is due to the fact that we do not see the fire that is burning inside the family members, loved ones and friends of the burn survivor. Everyone involved must work through the emotional trauma for their own well being which will hopefully help them to offer the support needed to the burn survivor work through the trauma, rebuild their lives and reenter their family and the community.

**BSTTW** has support team members all around the world. The **BST** offers face to face, email, telephone and internet private chat support. If you or someone you know is in need of support you can contact **BSTTW** by telephone at 936-647-2256, toll free at 866-712-6164 or by using the **BSTTW Support Team E-Form** at <http://www.burnsurvivortw.org/eforms/supportemail.html> in order to set up a meeting with a **BST Member**.

In order for **BSTTW** to continue offering the **BST**, we need you to donate the finances and supplies.

You can mail your donation to:

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## Burn Survivors Legal Rights

By: Robert Brenner, Esquire

I was excited to receive an invitation by Michael Appleman, CEO of Burn Survivors Throughout The World, Inc., to write several articles to help the burn survivor community understand their legal rights.

In my 33 years of practice I have seen many different types of fact patterns leading to incidents involving serious burn injuries, thus it is almost impossible to categorize the way an accident or incident takes place that leads to a serious burn injury. To give a few examples, I have seen burn injuries arise out of explosions, fires, chemical burns, scalds, flammable liquids, structure fires, gas leaks and a multitude of others, to name a few. The common thread throughout all of these incidents is that they are generally speaking never what I would call "a pure accident". There is usually a reason that cause the injury, which could have been prevented. Generally speaking, finding the cause of the incident is the key to determining what legal rights, if any, exist which will allow the injured person to receive compensation.

Since this is the first of what I hope to be several installments of articles on burn survivors and their legal rights, I have decided to give a general overview in this first installment and perhaps in other installments give more specific information on specific incidents.

Following an accident involving serious burn injuries, the injured person and his family are generally most immediately concerned with the well being of the injured person and how to make it through the immediate future from a medical and financial standpoint. The time frame immediately following an incident giving rise to this type of injury is, however, generally the most important time period within which to determine what your legal rights may be and what your rights to compensation for your damages may be. This is the time to begin investigation of the facts surrounding the cause of the accident and preserve evidence.

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Civil law exists to compensate an individual for injuries and losses which were caused by someone's negligence, a defective product, or some other form of misconduct or failure to act. These laws exist for the benefit of the injured person and his/her family and for the protection of the public in general.

Persons who are injured in accidents causing serious injuries, as well as family members, are often hesitant about contacting an attorney to learn what their rights may be because they believe the accident or injury was in some way caused by the injured individual. This may not be the case, and even if the injured individual is partially at fault, it is still possible that more than one person or entity may have contributed to causing that accident or injury and the injured person may have legal rights that may allow for a substantial monetary recovery.

### Burn Survivors May Endure ....

1. Physical and emotional trauma;
2. An injury that leaves one in pain;
3. Disfigurement;
4. Organ damage;
5. Body chemistry damage.

### Your Legal Rights To Compensation May Include:

1. Payment of Medical Bills: A burn survivor who has suffered serious second and third degree burns with multiple surgeries will have usually incurred very large medical bills. A burn survivor may be entitled to have his medical expenses, past and future, paid as part of the compensation received as a result of their claim. These expenses would include hospitalization, surgical procedures, ongoing medical care, counseling, scar revision/cosmetic surgery, physical therapy and occupational therapy.
2. Compensation for Loss of Income: Because of the extensive hospitalization and rehabilitation, a burn survivor will

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usually be unable to work for a substantial period of time and may not even be able to go back to work in their usual occupation. A burn survivor may be entitled to have lost wages for past and future income losses paid.

3. Vocational Rehabilitation (Job Retraining): If because of the injuries you receive you are unable to return to work in your same occupation, you may be entitled to compensation to be retrained into a new job or occupation.
4. Compensation for Pain and Suffering: Arguably, a burn injury is one of the most painful injuries the body can endure, and a burn survivor may be entitled to compensation for the pain and suffering they have endured and may continue to endure in the future as a result of their injury. This area of compensation may be the largest component of a burn survivor's claim for damages.
5. Loss of Consortium: The spouse of a burn survivor may be entitled to compensation when an injury is so severe that it interferes with the injured party's spousal relations. The effected family member may suffer a very real detriment. Many courts recognize the right of the injured party's spouse to recover in an appropriate case for a loss of support, services, love, companionship, society, affection, sexual relations and solace in the form of a loss of consortium action. Loss of consortium is a claim separate from the injured victim's claim. It is unique to the injured party's spouse and is compensable by a separate damages recovery.

The above has been a short general information article, which will be expanded upon in upcoming articles. In the next article submitted, we will talk more specifically about

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the various types of legal rights available to burn survivors, such as claims for the negligence of others punitive damages and workers' compensation claims.

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To learn more about The Law Offices of Robert A. Brenner go to <http://www.AttorneyRobertBrenner.com>.

**Hospitals Couldn't Handle Mass Burn Casualties*****Too few burn centers in U.S. in case of a widespread disaster, experts warn***

U.S. hospitals are increasingly shutting down their burn centers in a trend experts say could leave the nation unable to handle widespread burn casualties from a fiery terrorist attack or other major disaster.

Associated Press interviews and an examination of official figures found that the shrinking number of beds is a growing cause for concern in this post-Sept. 11 world.

Experts say burn centers are expensive to maintain and often lose money because they are staffed with highly specialized surgeons and nurses and stocked with sophisticated equipment designed to ease patients'

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The number of burn centers in the U.S. has dropped from 132 in 2004 to 127, and burn beds have fallen from 1,897 to 1,820, according to American Burn Association records compiled from voluntary reporting by hospitals.

### **Many Burn Beds Already Filled**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services puts the number of burn beds even lower, at just 1,500. And most of those are already filled, with the number available on any given day variously estimated at just 300 to 500.

“If something happens and we need the beds for burn patients, it is going to be a real catastrophe,” said Dr. Alan R. Dimick, past president of the American Burn Association and founder of the burn center at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Some states — Mississippi, North Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho and New Hampshire among them — have no burn centers at all. South Carolina has only a children’s burn center, and there are just a few dedicated burn beds in Maine, Alaska and Hawaii.

“People ought to be pretty frightened by this,” said Dr. Barbara Latenser, burn center director at the University of Iowa Hospitals. “Some people who live out West, they are 800 miles from a burn center.”

Many hospitals contend their general trauma units can handle burn victims adequately. But many authorities say burn units are far superior because of the equipment and expertise they offer.

“You need a burn team to take care of folks, not just docs and nurses,” Dimick said. HHS oversees the Homeland Security

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Department’s efforts to prepare the nation’s medical system for a disaster. HHS preparedness spokesman Marc Wolfson acknowledged that a disaster such as nuclear blast in a large urban area could produce thousands of burn victims, and that there would



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not be enough burn facilities to treat everyone. “The number of total beds available in hospitals, we don’t have direct control over that,” he said. But he said he hopes some of the money the government has been dispensing to hospitals since 9-11 for disaster readiness goes toward preparing for a surge of burn victims, even if does not lead to an increase in burn beds.

Wolfson said that if burn beds are full, patients can be taken to trauma units. Also, he said **CONTINUED On Page 5 “BURN CASUALTIES”**

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some veterans hospitals have beds that could be used in a fiery catastrophe. And he said burn centers can be expanded in an emergency.

Some burn experts are not reassured.

**Extreme Pain**

Severely burned patients suffer extreme pain, their bodies lose the ability to regulate temperature and fluid levels, and they are highly vulnerable to infections because their skin has been stripped away.

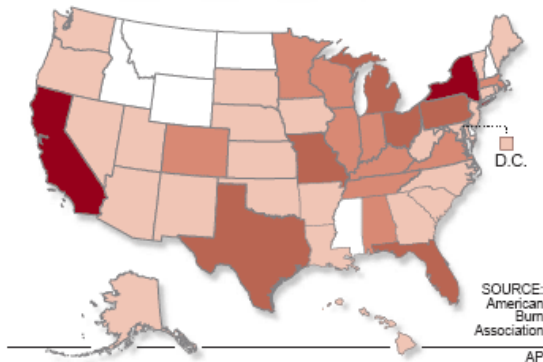
Burn centers are staffed by medical professionals specially trained in treating people with severe burns.

**Several states have no burn centers**

U.S. hospitals are increasingly shutting down burn centers and eliminating costly burn beds. Seven states across the nation have no burn centers at all.

Adult and pediatric burn centers in the U.S.

None 1-2 3-5 6-10 11-14



They also have special features such as individually temperature-controlled rooms, mattresses with circulating air to support a burn victim, and beds that automatically turn immobile patients to prevent further skin damage.

In addition, there are warming devices for beds since burn patients get cold easily, and tubs in which patients can be immersed to clean their wounds and promote drainage.

Other burn center features include synthetic material that serves as a temporary skin substitute, and a device that uses [ultrasound](#) to determine the severity of burns without having to touch a seriously burned patient.

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The exact number of burn beds in the U.S. is a matter of dispute, and may well be overstated, because hospitals do not always distinguish between specialized burn beds and beds that are used for various traumatic injuries, including burns.

Wolfson said one recent report to the federal government showed that only 520 beds were actually available for use. Dr. William B. Hughes, director of the Temple University Hospital Burn Center in Philadelphia, said that more commonly, only about 300 beds are available at any one time.

Decline since 1970s

Hughes said the United States had easily more than 3,000 dedicated burn beds in the early 1970s. But there has been a steady decline since then.

“We keep hearing we are ready for a terrorist attack,” said Dr. Jeffrey Guy, director of the 29-bed Vanderbilt University Burn Center in Nashville. But even now, “our space is full almost all the time.”

Guy said it is not uncommon for regional burn centers to be full and for patients to be transported long distances. “There are days we are taking burn calls for Chicago,” he said. Burn center directors say more beds are likely to disappear. Most burn centers are losing money because [Medicare and Medicaid](#) reimbursements have not kept up with the cost of providing care, experts say. Private insurers often follow Medicare’s lead.

Since it costs about \$10,000 a day to treat a patient with severe burns, and such patients typically require 50 days of intensive care, a single uninsured patient can wreck the finances of a small burn program.

Some burn centers around the country have lost a lot of money treating uninsured adults and children who were severely burned in explosions of clandestine methamphetamine labs.

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"Burn units are money-losers," Hughes said. Some health industry officials say that it is unreasonable to expect the nation's hospitals to be prepared for a worst-case burn scenario at all times.

"You don't want to have so much capacity you lose your shirt on it," said Jim Bentley, the American Hospital Association's senior vice president for strategic policy planning.

Dr. David Mazingo, director of the Shands Burn Center at the University of Florida in Gainesville, said state officials there have, in fact, begun committing some terrorism and disaster-preparedness money to burn care.

"They have been buying equipment and training. A lot of supplies and equipment have been distributed that are burn-care specific," he said.

Some burn-care experts warn that in an all-out disaster, health professionals would have to conduct a pitiless form of triage and decide which patients get sent to burn centers and which ones do not.

"The person on scene is going to look at people who have the best chance of surviving," Iowa's Latenser said. "We will not have the resources."

Burn care professionals "spend a lot of time talking about, 'How do we get the government to listen to this?'" Latenser said. "You can't have the disasters and then say, 'Oh golly, we should have had the centers.'"

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**BURN RECONSTRUCTION**

By: Dr. Elliott Rose, M.D.

Burn injuries account for over 100,000 hospital admissions per year. The most common age groups are toddlers (age 2 through 4) and adolescents (age 17 through 25). Injuries to the head and neck account for approximately 50% of all burn injuries.

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With the opening of many specialized burn centers for acute burn injuries, death rates from severe burns have dropped significantly. Survivors, however, are often left, not only with *functional impairment* (e.g., drooling, neck contracture, corneal exposure, nasal airway blockage, lip incompetence), but also with a *grotesque facial appearance* and *distortion of facial expression*. The recurrent question asked by most burn victims after survival is assured and acute vital life functions of breathing, eating and the five senses are satisfied is: "Doc, when

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am I going to look normal again?"

The focus of Dr. Rose's clinical experience over the past



20 years has been directed toward **refinement of aesthetic appearance**, as well as improvement of functional limitations in severely burned patients. Skin grafts are used by conventional plastic surgeons to replace burn-damaged skin. The grafted skin (only a few cell layers thick) often leaves a "patchwork," expressionless face. The skin texture is ropey, thickened and irregular, lacking facial animation. Dr. Elliott Rose, author of a major plastic surgery textbook, **Aesthetic Facial Restoration** (published by Lippincott-Raven in 1998), has refined the newest methods of burn reconstruction utilizing sophisticated computer imaging, the latest methods of microsurgical tissue transfers, intra-operative skin expanders, laser technology, and custom corrective make-up matches to achieve the most complimentary surgical outcomes.

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**Your Initial Consultation**

At the time of your initial consultation, Dr. Rose will review your history, discuss your burn deformities, and design a comprehensive protocol of your treatment plan. A complete **computerized facial analysis** inspects facial features for balance, symmetry and functional distortions. Areas of disfiguring scar are defined and a video image of your more normal-appearing face is digitally recreated as a preview of the desired surgical changes. Dr. Rose uses these images as a “blueprint” for surgical reconstruction.

Since many of our patients are from out of town, Nancy Slifer, our patient coordinator, will assist you in hotel accommodations, travel arrangements, etc. As a courtesy, Dr. Rose will write a comprehensive letter to your insurance carrier describing the surgical plan and request pre-determination for medically necessary services. Linda Ossias, our practice administrator, handles administrative and insurance matters. We do not belong to Medicare, Medicaid, or any managed care plans, but we lobby for you to achieve maximal reimbursement for you from your insurance carrier as long as out of network coverage is available.

**Your Surgery**

Major facial reconstructive surgery is performed at The Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York

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City—a “world class teaching hospital and “center of excellence” for restorative burn surgery. At surgery, thick scars, known as keloids, are removed and replaced microsurgically by *patterned blocks of tissue* harvested from inconspicuous donor sites (back, forearm, scalp, etc.) to fill the defect. Thick tendon-like tissue from the thigh is used



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like “internal suspenders” to support a more normal balance to the lips, cheeks, and nose. The tailored blocks of tissue, comprised of skin, fat and blood vessels, are inset like a “pieces of a puzzle” into the new facial unit (e.g., chin, neck, lip, cheek, etc.), and circulation is immediately restored by delicate attachment to the facial artery. The newly defined facial tissue is “sculpted” to look, feel and behave like a normal facial skin, with scars hidden in the shadows of the facial planes.

In less complex cases, facial scarring can be eliminated or camouflage by the clever use of a variety of techniques including scar revision , internal slings, skin grafting, intra-operative tissue expanders, laser resurfacing. all with the goal of achieving the most aesthetically pleasing result.

**Your Recovery**

In most cases, you will resume normal activities within 2-4 weeks from your surgery date. After surgery, you will be taught **cosmetic**

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**CONTINUED From Page 7 “RECONSTRUCTION” camouflage techniques** by a skilled make-up artist to hide incisional sites and color imperfections. A flesh-colored concealer is



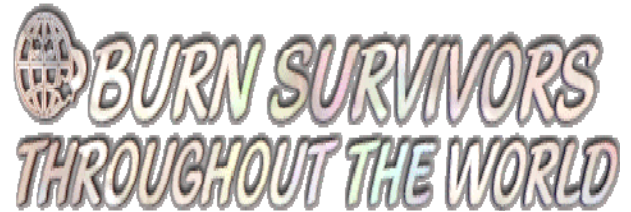
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custom blended as a foundation to blend facial tone properly (as in above photos). In some instances, medical tattooing is used to pigment facial features (e.g., lip eyebrow, beard).

### **What To Expect!**

Although disfiguring burn scars can not be "erased" in their entirety, *generally significant improvement can be achieved in cosmetic appearance and functional activities of everyday life.* While there are no absolute guarantees, Dr. Rose is confident that visible changes can be achieved in your case!

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## National Fire Prevention Week. Get Your Kids Involved!

By: Delores Lekowski

The National Fire Prevention Week yearly event is not a celebration but an opportunity to focus on learning and remembering how to prevent unwanted fires. I happen to think this is something we all should focus on every single day of the year, but being a burn survivor makes me more sensitive to the subject than most people, I guess.

A little trivia about National Fire Prevention Week. The date always coincides with the Great Chicago Fire. We've all heard the legend about Mrs. O'Leary's cow, which, the story went, kicked over the lantern and burned down the barn and the whole city. However it ultimately was ignited, the fire happened in 1871, killed 250 people and resulted in more than 200 acres and 17,400 structures being destroyed.

However, the Great Chicago Fire wasn't the most devastating fire in American history. This horrific honor belongs to the Great Peshtigo Fire in northeast Wisconsin that, ironically, happened on the very same day as the Great Chicago Fire -- October 8, 1871. Sixteen towns and 1.2 million acres were destroyed, and 1,152 people lost their lives. The fire was caused by railroad workers who were clearing brush to lay tracks, when the brush fires got out of control.

This year, National Fire Prevention Week is October 8-14. This year's theme is "Prevent Cooking Fires: Watch What You Heat."

Home cooking fires don't need to happen! Carelessness is the number-one cause of these fires. It is far easier to pay attention in the kitchen than to recover in the Burn Unit.

Here are some cooking safety tips to live by:

- Stay in the kitchen while cooking. This is not the time to chat on the phone or doing anything that averts your attention.

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- If you must leave the kitchen, turn off the stove!
  - Check, stir, and watch your cooking food, often.
  - Use a timer so you don't lose track of time while cooking. Many fires have started because of something forgotten on the stove.
  - Keep little ones away from the stove.
  - Keep handles of pots and pans pointed in to avoid accidentally knocking them off the stove, dumping hot contents on someone.
  - Do not wear loose fitting clothing or billowing sleeves while cooking.
  - Keep anything burnable away from the stove, including potholders and wooden spoons.
  - Keep your kitchen and stove area clean -- wipe up spills and splattered grease right away. The build-up of grease and food can become fuel for a fire.
  - Prevent slipping, tripping and falling. Keep throw rugs away from the stove area, and keep the floor around the stove clean and dry.
  - Keep a fire extinguisher in the kitchen at all times, and practice how to use it. Also, make sure it is the right kind to extinguish a grease fire.
  - Keep smoke alarms in working order.
  - Know what to do in case of a kitchen fire: check out the National Fire Protection Association's National Fire Prevention Week website at <http://www.nfpa.org/itemDetail.asp?categoryID=1194&itemID=28246>
- Microwave safety: While the microwave may look safe, you need to take care to prevent fires and burns when microwaving, too!
- Use only microwave safe bowls or dishes.

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- Paper can catch fire in the microwave. If you cover your food with a paper towel, be sure to watch it and don't cook longer than needed.
- Always use a pot holder when removing anything from the microwave.
- Remove any covering on food such as plastic wrap or wax paper away from you, because the steam that is trapped underneath can cause burns.
- Remember, foods and liquids will heat unevenly. Be sure to stir food before tasting.
- Never allow small children to use the microwave.
- Never put metal in the microwave, including aluminum foil.

I am sure we all agree on the importance of teaching children about fire safety. Since I was burned as a child, I am intent on creating opportunities to teach my grandchildren about fire safety. I asked them if they would help me make posters for National Fire Prevention Week. They were more than eager to help me. So I got them all together and with markers, poster paper and their creativity at the ready. I told them about the history of this event and what this year's theme was.

My grandchildren really had a great time doing this, and the posters they made were awesome. The youngest is 8 years old and the oldest is 15. I didn't think the teenagers would enjoy this project as much as they did, and I was comforted by the knowledge and ideas they had about cooking safety.

After the posters were finished we took them to their local Fire Department so they could present them to the Firefighters. The Firefighters were very appreciative and gave them a tour of the fire station while they answered the many questions the kids had. Afterwards they posed for pictures with my grandchildren.

This was a fun, educational way to keep my grandchildren a little safer. Create your own

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project to teach your loved ones about fire safety. I think what you will learn will far exceed your expectations and you may also feel comforted by your child's knowledge about fire safety. What better way to open the lines of communication on this very important subject.



### BSTTW POEMS

I began writing poems during my recovery in order to not only help himself, but to offer support and positive thoughts to all burn survivors and family member who are going through a rough time. I ask you all to never give up and continue to do what I and so many others have done during and after recovery...find the support needed to work through the rough time and continue moving forward in your life.

If you would like to submit a poem or story to **BSTTW** you can do so by email at [poems@burnsurvivorsttw.org](mailto:poems@burnsurvivorsttw.org) or [stories@burnsurvivorsttw.org](mailto:stories@burnsurvivorsttw.org). **BSTTW** also has a program on our internet site that allows you to submit your stories and poems electronically. You can submit the full story at [www.burnsurvivorsttw.org/stories/storymaker.html](http://www.burnsurvivorsttw.org/stories/storymaker.html) and your full poem at [www.burnsurvivorsttw.org/poems/poemmaker.html](http://www.burnsurvivorsttw.org/poems/poemmaker.html)

*Michael Appleman, CEO*

### **World Burn Congress 2007**

By: Michael Appleman

The WBC 2007 is a time for us all  
To get up from this horrible fall  
Three days with  
Only a burn survivor can fully understand the call

The support & friendship to help you become free  
We all must work through the way our new life will  
be  
With the pain and happiness from others we can see

The education and friendship will offer you success  
It may even help to remove the distress  
Open up and release the difficulty and stress

So many burn survivors do not have the cash  
Unemployment is a painful lash  
These burn survivors cannot attend this bash

With your support and finances so many can attend  
They will thank you with the love they send  
The WBC will help them take the steps needed to  
mend

So join the BSTTW Team  
Donate to the BSTTW WBC Fund to fulfill a dream  
The result will help a burn survivor gleam

*Michael Appleman*

You can learn more about and donate to the **BSTTW  
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## BSTTW CONTACT INFORMATION

### EMERGENCY CONTACTS

**BSTTW** has a support team that is on call 24 hours a day 7 days a week to help a burn survivor, family member or firefighter deal with a burn injury and fire related emergency. You can contact **BSTTW** on the internet or by telephone. On the internet go to the **BSTTW Emergency Email E-Form** at [www.burnsurvivorsttw.org/eforms/emergemail.html](http://www.burnsurvivorsttw.org/eforms/emergemail.html) or the **BSTTW Support Team E-Form** at [www.burnsurvivorsttw.org/eforms/supportemail.html](http://www.burnsurvivorsttw.org/eforms/supportemail.html)

To contact **BSTTW** by telephone by dialing 936-647-2256 or toll free at 866-712-6164. If we are not in the office or it is after hours, you can leave us an emergency message in our voice box 44 and a support team member will respond to you within 24 hours.

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Remember your donations can be money, clothes, a used bicycle etc.. All will help burn survivors and their family. Many families loose their homes and property. Please personally think about and talk to your family and friends about donating to **BSTTW**.

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#### **VOLUNTEERING YOUR TIME**

There are many children, adults and families around the world that need support and other help. You do not have to be a burn survivor or family member to become a **BSTTW Volunteer**. All you need to do is become a **BSTTW** member and then apply to become a **BSTTW Volunteer**. If you are a burn survivor or family member, in order to become a **BSTTW Member**, fill out the **BSTTW Membership & Profile Registration E-Form** at: [www.burnsurvivorsttw.org/membership/memform.html](http://www.burnsurvivorsttw.org/membership/memform.html),

Next fill out the **BSTTW Volunteer E-Form** at: [www.burnsurvivorsttw.org/volunteer/volunteer.html](http://www.burnsurvivorsttw.org/volunteer/volunteer.html)

If you are not a burn survivor or family member you can skip the **BSTTW Membership & Profile Registration E-Form** and go directly to the **BSTTW Volunteer E-Form**.

By volunteering with **BSTTW**, you will be taking part in rebuilding lives and helping burn survivors reenter their community.

If you have any questions, you should first review the **BSTTW Volunteer E-Form**, after that if your questions have not been answered, you can contact **BSTTW** by email at [volunteers@burnsurvivorsttw.org](mailto:volunteers@burnsurvivorsttw.org), and by telephone at 936-647-2256 or toll free at 866-712-6164.

### **PURCHASES**

**BSTTW** has an online store where you can purchase Skin Care Products, Books and Video Tapes. To learn more go to: [www.burnsurvivorsttw.org/sales/sales.html](http://www.burnsurvivorsttw.org/sales/sales.html)

**BSTTW** also offers a free copy of the **BSTTW Music CD** to people who donate \$25.00 or higher to **BSTTW**. To learn more about this you should go to

[www.burnsurvivorsttw.org/donations/donatecd.html](http://www.burnsurvivorsttw.org/donations/donatecd.html)

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