Keep hair straighteners out of my reach!
Every day babies, toddlers and little children like me are badly burned by hair straighteners. Your hair straighteners can get so hot, you could cook our breakfast on them! They stay hot for a long time.

I can get burned if you leave your hair straighteners on the floor, on the bedside cabinet or hanging over the door handle to cool. I might:

- Grab at them and burn my hands or wrists
- Step or sit on them and burn my feet or legs
- Pull them down on top of me and burn my face
- Try to use them like you do and burn myself

I’m most likely to be hurt when I’m a crawling baby or toddler. But I’m still not safe when I’m getting bigger and want to copy you.

My skin is delicate and burns very easily. And I’m only little, so I’m still learning what hot means and how heat can hurt me.

How to keep me safe:

- Turn your hair straighteners off straight after using them
- Put them straight into a heat-proof pouch if you have one
- Put them well out of my reach and sight, say on a high shelf, as soon as you’re finished.

If I do get burned:

- Run lots of cool water over the burn for 10-15 minutes
- Call NHS Direct on 0845 4647 [England and Wales], or NHS 24 on 08454 242424 [Scotland]
- Or get advice from our doctor or A&E at our local hospital
- Take me to the doctor if the burn is on my face, hands, feet, joints or genitals, or is larger than a postage stamp.