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October is Fire Prevention Month.

And many burn cases seen in the Parkland burn unit could be prevented, according to Keith Wickwire, head nurse of the county unit. Wickwire, who also has spent time working in an army hospital, says that burns caused by priming automobile carburetors are a major reason for adult admissions. Also high on the list are smoking in bed, cleaning floors with gasoline and other thoughtless acts.

If you're interested in a fire prevention story, Wickwire is willing to talk about the problem of carburetor and other common home-accident burns and how they can be avoided. He also has this year's admissions statistics available for Parkland's adult burn unit.

Chief of the burn unit is Dr. Charles Baxter, professor of surgery at UT Southwestern Medical School.

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NOTE: AAA might also be interested in responding to this subject. AAA might be able to speak to the question of how to correctly prime a carburetor.