

Bathing Safety For The Entire Family

More than 5,000 children are scalded by hot water in the tub each year, according to the National Safe Kids Campaign, prompting manufacturers to respond with several engineering breakthroughs.

One innovation from Delta is the patented scald-guard pressure-balance valve that keeps water temperature within a safe $\pm 1-3^{\circ}\text{F}$ of initial setting. This prevents temperature shocks from sudden pressure changes in cold & hot water, whether a toilet is flushed or dishwasher turned on, your shower is never interrupted.

A safety stop set at 100 degrees prevents children from accidentally scalding themselves.



Almost all 50 states now require that these types of safety valves be used in all new construction.

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Stop, look and listen before calling service



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In the American home of today, we have the luxury of appliances which do almost everything imaginable. When one of these products happens to fail its intended task, the need for a service technician occurs in many of these homes.

I would estimate that over 20 percent of service calls are needless and could have been taken care of by the homeowner. The intention of this column today is to give you some things to check out yourself, before you call for service.

Clothes Washer — Will not operate, doesn't even make a little sound. Has no power.

A. Check the plug. Even if there is a double plug and something else operates OK out of that same fixture, check the outlet that the washer plugs into. Use a lamp, nightlight, or something that assures you that the connection has power.

B. Is the circuit breaker tripped or do you have a blown fuse?

C. Place the back of your hand against the door of the fuse box. If it's hot, it could indicate problems with the box itself. Always use the back of your hand to check any electrical component which is operating. It's easier to remove your hand from a short if your fingers are not wrapped around it.

D. Turn your timer dial to another cycle, if it operates now, it could indicate a defective timer.

E. Make sure that all the knobs or buttons are pressed in firmly.

F. Some washers have an out of balance switch that you can reset by moving the agitator back and forth to center the tub. Make sure the tub is not lopsided.

G. Pull the plug out of the outlet and examine the prongs on the cord. If you see one which is all brown or discolored or loose you may need a new connector available at your local hardware store. If you wiggle the cord while it is plugged in and the washer begins to operate, you can be sure you need a new connector.

H. With the timer set to operate, wiggle the knob gently and if it begins to operate, you could have a bad timer. Re-

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