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Education key in treatment of burns

FEDERAL member for Swan Steve Irons has launched his burns first aid campaign at Kensington Fire Station.

The campaign, which involves the distribution of fridge magnets to every household in the Swan electorate, aims to make households aware of the basic first aid steps that need to be taken to treat burns.

Mr Irons said a recent inquiry into burns conducted by the Health and Ageing Commit-

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tee found burns were often more severe due to poor first aid response or delayed referral to a burns centre.

"I want to make sure everyone is aware of Australian and New Zealand Burns Association first aid procedures for dealing with burns, so we can help reduce the severity of these common household injuries," he said.

"We are fortunate in Perth to have a world class burns unit... I hope through this campaign Perth can also become leaders in burns first aid.

"It's an exercise for the community and even if it saves one person from extensive burns injuries it's a program worth doing."



Kensington station's Andy Leopardi and Steve Irons have a mutual desire to equip the public with the correct first aid response to burns. Picture: Elle Borgward www.communitypix.com.au d37890