

Q. What temperature should my tub and shower valve reach? It gets so hot that I'm afraid of scalding my children.

A. This is a very serious problem that is not often looked at until it is too late. Showers and bathtubs have specific temperature requirements per Massachusetts Code. The maximum temperature at a tub and/or shower valve is 112° F. This is strictly for the safety of all who use these fixtures.

To give you an example of how fast someone can get scalded. If the hot water supply at the valve came out at 160°F it would take approximately 1 second to create a third degree burn. If the temperature were at 130°F it would take approx. 30 seconds to do the same. Even at 120°F it would take approximately 10 minutes. If the valve is set for the code required temperature of 112°F it would take approximately 8 to 10 hours to create third degree burns.

Please protect your children; family and friends make sure your hot water is set to the mandatory safety temperature.

Test it today! Tomorrow maybe too late!