

BRITTANY'S STORY

Hi my name is Brittney I am 14 years old.

When I was 4 years I found a box of matches in the backyard of a house that we had just moved into.

I lit 1 match and set myself on fire.

I received burns to 40% of my body. All of my skin that was burnt off had to be skin grafted back on. My burns were so deep in part that there was bone exposed.

I spent 9 months in hospital. And since have had 81 operations to date because as I grow my skin does not grow with me. So I still have along to go yet.

This year it will be 10 years since my accident and out of those 10 years I should have had 8 years at school. But out of the 8 years I have only spent 1 full year at school, hopefully this year will be my second. But this will continue for the rest of my schooling life.

I have been able to get through my trauma as I have the best family in the world my mum, dad ,brother & grandparents. So it is not just me who has to deal with my burns it is my whole family.

It is hard some times as I see my scars everyday and yes I have asked my Mum when all of this was going to go away. But my scars will never go away. **This is me.**

I will be recovering for my burns for the rest of my life and the way that I have been able to deal with this is to talk to people who have been through the same as me. This really helps you to stay positive.

I also feel that I have been give a gift and that gift is to help others. Since my accident I have done a lot of support work with other families. I also think that it is my job to try and prevent these accident from happening.

So not only do I support others but I also try to let people know that this could happen to any one.

If I can stop families from having to go through what mine has & make people more aware of what can happen then I feel that I have used my gift.

I have a motto:

“TURN YOUR SCARS INTO STARS”.

and that is what I intend to do with mine.

I will help others to do the same and let them know that they are not alone.

There is just one thing to remember that I am not a victim. I am a survivor a **BURN SURVIVOR.**

With love Brittney.xxxxx



[Brittanys Burns \(Graphic Picture\)](#)