

Firework Safety

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Fireworks are synonymous with our celebration of Independence Day. Yet, the thrill of fireworks can also bring pain. *On average, 280 people go to the emergency room every day with fireworks-related injuries in the month around the 4th of July.*

Remember, fireworks can be dangerous, causing serious burn and eye injuries. You can help prevent fireworks-related injuries and deaths by following these safety tips:

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Never point or throw fireworks at another person.

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Always have an adult supervise fireworks activities. Parents do not realize that young children suffer injuries from sparklers. Sparklers burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees—hot enough to melt certain metals.

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Avoid buying fireworks that are packaged in brown paper. This is often a sign that the fireworks were made for professional displays, meaning they could pose a danger to consumers.

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Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks.

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Light fireworks one at a time, then move back quickly.

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After fireworks complete their burning, douse the spent device with plenty of water from a bucket or hose before discarding it to prevent a trash fire.

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Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.

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Make sure fireworks are legal in your area before buying or using them.

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Never place any part of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse. Back up to a safe distance immediately after lighting fireworks.

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Never carry fireworks in a pocket or shoot them off in metal or glass containers.

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Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishap.