

Your Firefighters Want You to Have a Safe 4th of July



Fireworks Safety Tips

Each July 4th, thousands of people, mostly children and teens, are injured while using fireworks. The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public display conducted by trained professionals. If you are using consumer fireworks, remember:

- Only use fireworks outdoors.
- Obey your local laws. If fireworks are not legal where you live, do not use them.
- Always have water handy, whether a hose or a bucket filled with water.
- Only use fireworks as they were intended. Do not try to alter them or combine them.
- Never relight a "dud" firework. You should wait 20 minutes, place the "dud" in a bucket of water and then discard them.
- Use common sense. Spectators should keep a safe distance from the shooter and the shooter should always wear safety glasses.
- Remember that alcohol and fireworks do not mix. Have a "designated shooter."
- Only people over the age of 12 should be allowed to handle sparklers of any type. Sparklers burn at 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit, which is hot enough to cause third-degree burns.
- Never allow children to pick up fireworks that are left over, as they may still be active.
- Do not use homemade fireworks, illegal fireworks or explosives. They can kill you.
- Report illegal explosives and fireworks to the fire or police department in your community.

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