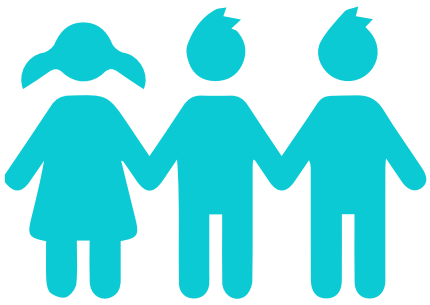
JUNE IS FIREWORKS EYE SAFETY MONTH

MAXIMIZE SUMMER FUN BY FOLLOWING THESE SAFETY TIPS

FIREWORK INJURY STATISTICS



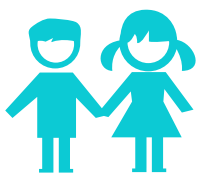
31%

of fireworks injuries were to children under **AGE 15.**

The number of eye injuries due to fireworks that were treated in ERs nearly doubled **from 2012 to 2014.**

An estimated 68 percent of the total estimated fireworks-related injuries in 2016 were treated in ERs surrounding the 4th of July.

People ages **20 to 24** years old had the highest estimated rate of ER visits due to fireworks.



Children younger than 5 had the second highest.

Burns were the most common injury to all parts of the body except the eyes.

Contusions, lacerations, and foreign bodies in the eyes occurred more frequently.

PARTS OF THE BODY MOST OFTEN INJURED:

33%

Hands and fingers

20%

Head, face, and ears

18%

Legs

9%

Eyes

8%

Arms

HOW TO AVOID INJURIES

- Don't let children play with fireworks
- If you're handling or observing fireworks, always wear American National Standards Institute-certified protective eyewear.
- Let trained pyrotechnicians light professional - grade fireworks.
- Remain at least 500 feet away from fireworks and respect safety boundaries.
- Do not go near or touch unexploded fireworks. Contact local fire or police departments to help remove it.

HOW TO PREVENT FURTHER DAMAGE IF INJURED

- Seek immediate medical attention.
- Do not rub or attempt to rinse out the eye.
- Do not apply pressure to the eye itself.
  - Holding or taping a foam cup or the bottom of a juice carton to the eye are just two ways to prevent further contact with the eye.
- Do not stop for medicine! Aspirin and ibuprofen can thin the blood, increasing bleeding.
- Do not apply ointment.
  - Ointment could cause infection and makes the eye slippery and more difficult to examine.

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