

Fireworks Safety



- **Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks.**
- **Do not hold fireworks in your hand when lighting them.**
- **Avoid “Line of Fire” when lighting the fuse.**
- **Back up to a safe distance immediately after lighting fireworks.**
- **Light fireworks one at a time.**
- **Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.**
- **Never point or throw fireworks at another person.**
- **Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy.**
- **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.**
- **Make sure fireworks are legal in your area before buying or using them.**
- **Never carry fireworks in a pocket or shoot them off in metal or glass containers.**
- **Avoid buying fireworks packaged in brown paper. Usually indicates fireworks were made for professional displays.**



Fireworks are synonymous with Independence Day. Fireworks are also dangerous and must be used with caution.

Fireworks were involved in an estimated 11,900 injuries treated in U.S. hospital emergency departments during calendar year 2015.

Children younger than 15 years of age accounted for 26 percent of the estimated 2015 injuries.

Did you know that in 2015 there were:

- 230 people on average go the emergency room every day with fireworks-related injuries in the month around the July 4th holiday.
- 11,900 fireworks-related injuries.
- 3090 fireworks-related injuries for less than 15.
- More than-
 - ✓ 1900 injuries caused by sparklers
 - ✓ 800 injuries caused by bottle rockets.