



Fireworks Safety

FIREWORKS are often used to mark special events and holidays. The only safe way to view fireworks is to attend a professional show. With so many injuries being reported each year, fireworks are not safe in the hands of consumers. Fireworks cause thousands of injuries each year.

A FEW IDEAS TO GET INTO THE PATRIOTIC SPIRIT, WITHOUT FIREWORKS:

- Use glow sticks, they glow in the dark and are a safe alternative to a sparkler. Fun for all ages.
- Loud and proud. Noise makers are sure to make a statement. They can be found at local party supply stores or make your own.
- Outdoor movie night. Set up a screen and projector. Don't forget the bug spray!
- Red, white and blue silly string... fun for all ages.
- Make a patriotic craft with the family.
- Throw a birthday party for the USA, and don't forget the cake.

**How
HOT
Does A
Sparkler
BURN?**



FACTS

- Each year, fireworks cause over 19,500 reported fires.
- Burns make up 44% of the 9,100 fireworks-related injuries treated in emergency rooms during the month surrounding July 4th.
- Half of all fireworks injuries treated in emergency rooms affect the extremities—hands, fingers, or legs—while one-third involve the eyes or other parts of the head.
- Children ages 10 to 14 experience the highest rate of fireworks injuries. Over one-third (36%) of all victims are under 15 years old.
- Sparklers alone account for about one-quarter of fireworks injuries treated in emergency rooms.



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