

Firework Safety Tips

SAFETY ALERT

- ▶ Use fireworks on a hard surface. Always light fireworks on a hard, flat, and level surface to insure the stability of the items. Grass is generally not suitable for any item intended to be used in an upright position. (If lighting fireworks on grass, lay down a flat wooden board for a shooting surface.)
- ▶ **NEVER** attempt to make your own fireworks. And **NEVER** re-light a “dud” firework (wait 15 to 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water).
- ▶ Windy Conditions. Be cautious of lighting any fireworks during strong wind conditions. Fireworks should be lit with the prevailing wind blowing away from the spectators. If there is a significant wind shift during the time you are lighting the fireworks, rearrange the shooting site to accommodate the wind shift or stop shooting until the windy conditions subside.
- ▶ Keep your distance from other people who are using sparklers or lighting their own fireworks. Bystanders are more frequently injured by fireworks than the people who are using them!
- ▶ Let responsible adults handle the fireworks.
- ▶ Always use fireworks outdoors only!
- ▶ **NEVER** carry fireworks in your pocket.
- ▶ **NEVER** shoot fireworks in metal or glass containers.
- ▶ **NEVER** throw or point fireworks at other people.
- ▶ If an injury occurs, stay calm. If your clothing catches on fire, lie on the ground, cover your face with your hands, and roll. **(REMEMBER to STOP DROP and ROLL)**
- ▶ If you get something in your eye from a fireworks explosion, don’t rub or rinse your eye. Have someone take you to the emergency room immediately!
- ▶ The noise and lights of fireworks often frighten some animals, so it is very important that you are careful with pets and farm animals. You may want to consider moving the animals away or keeping them inside during your display.
- ▶ Safety glasses are recommended for those individuals lighting the fireworks and those individuals in close proximity to the fireworks.
- ▶ Have an accessible fire extinguisher, water supply, hose, or bucket of water nearby for emergencies. During any fireworks shoot, there should always be one individual assigned as the fireman, whose sole job is to be alert and at the ready with a water source.
- ▶ **NEVER** hold a child in your arms when lighting fireworks including sparklers.
- ▶ Soak all fireworks in a bucket of water before throwing them in the trash can.

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