

SWING SAFELY INTO SUMMER!



Fireworks can be both beautiful and fascinating, especially to young children. They are also extremely dangerous, hazardous...even deadly, when handled by amateurs. By following a few simple, rules, you will be able to enjoy your summer.....safely!!

FIREWORKS FACTS:

- Each year, approximately 12,000 people are injured and treated in emergency rooms for fireworks injuries
- More than two-thirds of all fireworks-related injuries occur between June 16 and July 16. During that time period:
- One out of every three people injured are children under the age of 15
- Young people under 20 sustained nearly half of all related injuries
- The risk of fireworks injuries is *two-and-a-half-times as high* for children ages 10-14 as for the general population
- The most commonly injured areas are the hands, eyes, head, face, and ear
- More than half of the injuries are burns
- Fire involving fireworks causes almost \$21 million a year in property damage

The safest way to enjoy fireworks and to prevent fireworks-related injuries is to attend fireworks displays given by trained professionals.

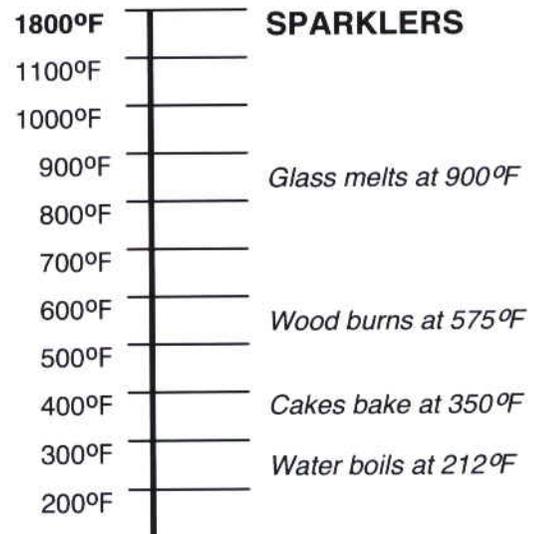


SPARKLERS



- Sparklers are legal in the majority of the 50 states, and can often be readily available in your local grocery store. In this case, however, legal does not equal safe.
- Sparklers are responsible for the vast majority of fireworks-related injuries, mainly as a result of parents giving them to their young children. Children under five lack the physical coordination to safely handle sparklers, and they may not understand the hazards associated with them.
- Sparklers account for one third of related injuries to children under the age of five.
- How hot can sparklers get?





A third degree burn can result from temperatures of only 220°F!!

SAFETY TIPS FOR ADULTS:

If, as an adult, you choose to use fireworks which are legal in your area, please follow these simple safety tips:

- Never let children handle, play with, or light fireworks of any kind
- Do not use alcohol while handling fireworks
- Always have water nearby to deposit used sparkler sticks, etc. after the flame has gone out, or to extinguish a possible fire caused by the firework
- Never hold a child while working with fireworks
- Do not throw, or run with, sparklers or any other type of firework



- Never hand a lit sparkler to another person or light more than one at a time

- Wear closed-toed shoes when handling any type of fireworks

- Remember that sparklers remain hot long after they are finished burning. Always wear shoes to avoid stepping on a hot sparkler wire that may have inadvertently been left laying on the ground
- Never throw sparklers or any other fireworks
- Use caution when using fireworks around animals
- Teach children at an early age that fireworks are NOT toys. Teach them to always tell an adult if they find fireworks, and to never touch them or pick them up.

FIREWORKS LAWS

Not only are most fireworks extremely dangerous, many of them are illegal.



"M-80's", "Silver Salutes" and "Cherry Bombs" are examples of dangerous explosive devices that are illegal in all 50 states. Use or possession of these devices should immediately be reported to your local police or fire department.

To view specific fireworks laws for the state in which you live, visit:
www.fireworks.com/fireworks_laws/

PROTECT THOSE YOU LOVE FROM THE DANGERS OF FIREWORKS

Enjoy your holiday, fireworks and all, with just a few simple safety tips:

- Leave the fireworks to the professionals!! Do not use consumer fireworks.
- ***The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public display that is being conducted by professionals!!***
- After the firework display, warn children never to pick up fireworks that may have fallen nearby or that are leftover; they may still be active and very dangerous.



Learn About Fire and Burns



For more tips on how to keep yourself and your family safe from fire and burns, please visit our new, interactive website, www.learnaboutfireandburns.com. You will learn valuable tips on keeping yourself and your family safe while playing fun games such as "Hazard Hunt" and "Surviving Fire"...log on and check it out!!