



# Firework Safety Tips for the 4th of July



Ensure your Independence Day weekend is filled with celebration and not regret with these fire safety tips:

1. Be sure fireworks are legal in your area before using or buying them.
2. Never use illegal fireworks
3. Always have an adult supervise fireworks activities and never allow children to play with or ignite fireworks.
4. Never hold lighted fireworks in your hands
5. Never light them indoors
6. Never point or throw fireworks at another person
7. Never ignite fireworks in a container, especially one that is glass or metal.
8. If you set off fireworks, keep a bucket of water handy in case of malfunction or fire.
9. If fireworks malfunction, don't relight them! Douse and soak them with water then throw them away.
10. Sparklers Are Dangerous.



- Every year, young children can be found along parade routes and at festivals with sparklers in hand, but sparklers are a lot more dangerous than most people think.
- Sparklers burn at about 2,000 degrees – hot enough to melt some metals.
- Sparklers can quickly ignite clothing, and children have received severe burns from dropping sparklers on their feet.
- According to the National Fire Protection Association, sparklers alone account for more than 25% of emergency room visits for fireworks injuries.
- Consider using safer alternatives, such as glow sticks, confetti poppers or colored streamers. Sparklers alone account for one quarter of emergency room fireworks injuries.

**Please contact your Community Service Officers with your questions or suggestions**

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