

# Fireworks Safety

## Tips to Celebrate Safely:

- Never allow young **children to play with or ignite fireworks**, including sparklers. Sparklers burn at temperatures of about **2,000 degrees Fahrenheit**, hot enough to melt metals.
- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy, in case of fire or other mishap.
- Light fireworks **one at a time**, then move quickly away from the fireworks device.
- Never try to **relight or handle malfunctioning fireworks**. Soak them with water and throw them away.
- **Never place any part of your body, Never hold firework in your hand directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse.**
- Move to a **safe distance** immediately after lighting fireworks.
- Never point or **throw fireworks (including sparklers)** at anyone.
- After fireworks complete their burning, to prevent a trash fire, douse the spent device with **plenty of water from a bucket or hose before discarding the device.**
- Make sure fireworks are **legal in your area**, and only purchase and set off fireworks that are labeled for consumer (not professional) use.
- Never use fireworks while impaired by **alcohol or drugs**.



# People & Pets

Spike in Fireworks Injuries: (Over the last 25 years)

## Fireworks Injured 9,700 in the United States in 2024.

The parts of the body most often injured are hands and fingers, the head, face and ears are the second most injured body parts. Eye injuries are third.

- Eyes (19%)
- Hands and fingers (35%)
- Head, face, and ears (22%)
- Arms, Legs (13%)



Fireworks cause thousands of injuries each year.

Celebrate with these fun, safe alternatives instead:

- Glow Sticks: Safe and fun for all ages.
- Outdoor Movie Night. Set up a projector and screen.
- Make a patriotic craft.
- Red, white and blue silly string...fun for all ages.



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Keep your pet safely away from fireworks.

Pets are more sensitive to loud noises, flashing lights and strong smells. When there are fireworks, it's best to leave your pets safely indoors, preferably with a radio or TV turned on to soften jarring noises.

Pets become frightened and many of them run away and get lost.

Fireworks are extremely dangerous. Kids should never ignite a firework! They can cause severe burns, blindness and even death. It is best for families to attend professional community fireworks displays rather than using fireworks at home.