

Firework safety basics

Leave the show to the pros. Fireworks can cause life-changing injuries. **Remember: There are NO safe fireworks.**



Do

- Consider safer alternatives, such as glow sticks, confetti poppers or colored streamers.
- Observe your local and state laws.
- Have a designated sober adult light all legal fireworks.
- Light one firework at a time and move away quickly.
- Keep children and other observers at a safe distance — behind a protective barrier.
- Store fireworks out of children's reach.
- Keep a bucket of water close for disposal of fireworks.

Don't

- Allow children to handle fireworks, including sparklers.
- Attempt to alter, modify or relight fireworks.
- Point or throw lit fireworks at anyone.
- Allow children to pick up the spent fireworks — some may still be active!
- Ever hold lit fireworks in your hand!
- Consume alcohol or drugs when lighting fireworks.
- Forget you can be held legally and financially liable for injuries caused by using fireworks.

Did you know?

- Sparklers can reach 2,000° F, hotter than a blow torch.
- Thousands of fireworks injuries were treated in U.S. hospital emergency departments, often leaving permanent damage to eyes, hands and face.
- Over 50% of fireworks injuries occur with people under the age of 20 years.

If a burn injury does occur:



1) Cool the burn with COOL (not cold) water to stop the burning process.



3) Cover the area with a dry, clean sheet or loose bandages.



2) Remove all clothing and jewelry from the injured area.



4) Seek medical attention.

Source: American Burn Association

