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FIREWORKS SAFETY

“Using consumer fireworks on our nation’s birthday is as traditional as cookouts and parades,” says Nancy Blogin, President of the National Council on Fireworks Safety. However, it is imperative to take extreme precautions, as fireworks cause thousands of burns and eye injuries each year, according to the National Fire Protection Agency. Follow these tips to promote firework safety and ensure a fun-filled Independence Day celebration.

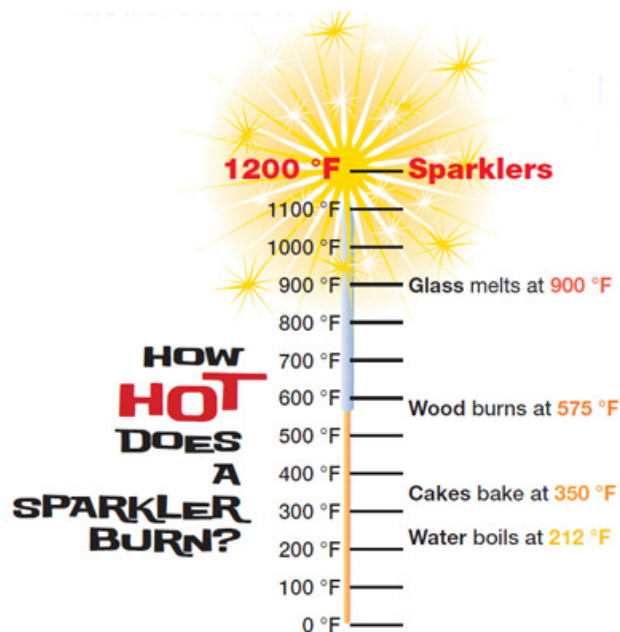
Obey the Law

- If fireworks are illegal where you live, **do not use them.**
- Report illegal explosives, like M-80s and quarter sticks.

Play It Safe

The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to go to a public show put on by experts. If you choose to use legal fireworks, do so cautiously.

- Closely supervise teens and children.
- Do not drink alcohol and operate fireworks.
- Only use fireworks outdoors, away from flammable materials and other hazards.
- Always have water ready, both in a bucket and in a charged hose.
- Read and follow all caution labels and directions.
- Wear eye protection and hearing protection.
- Only light one firework at a time.
- Never relight a “dud” firework. Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.
- Used fireworks should be soaked in water and placed in a non-flammable trash can outside, several feet away from a house, garage or anything else flammable.
- Use legal consumer fireworks only. Do not use homemade fireworks, professional fireworks, or illegal explosives; **they can kill you!**



Fireworks may be fun, but they are not toys.

Fireworks cause an average of 18,500 reported fires per year. Sparklers account for over one-quarter of emergency room fireworks related injuries. Do your part to prevent injuries and fires by safely using fireworks this 4th of July, and always.

Visit the National Council on Fireworks Safety website for a complete list of safety tips and videos at www.fireworkssafety.org

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