10 Tips For Safe Fourth Of July Fireworks

Some 13,000 people were injured by fireworks last year. Keep these 10 tips in mind to make it a safe and memorable Fourth of July.



MDHHS is urging everyone to follow the following safety steps:

- [ ] Make sure fireworks are legal in your area, before buying or using them.
- [ ] Never use or make professional-grade fireworks.
- [ ] Wear safety glasses when shooting fireworks
- [ ] Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks, including sparklers. Sparklers burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit. This is hot enough to melt some metals.
- [ ] Never point or throw fireworks at another person or occupied area.
- [ ] Light fireworks one at a time, then move away from them quickly.
- [ ] Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishaps.
- [ ] Never relight a "dud" firework. Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.
- [ ] After fireworks complete their burning, douse with water from a bucket or hose before discarding the device to prevent a trash fire.
- [ ] Only light one firework at a time and then quickly move away. Use fireworks outdoors in a clear area, away from buildings and vehicles.

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