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## Firework Safety

Fireworks are synonymous with our celebration of Independence Day. Yet, the thrill of fireworks can also bring life threatening emergencies. 200 people on average go to the emergency room every day with fireworks-related injuries in the month around the July 4th holiday.

Remember, fireworks can be dangerous, causing serious burn and eye injuries. You can help us prevent fireworks-related injuries and deaths. How? By working with a national, state or local organization where you live to promote fireworks safety in your community and following these safety tips when using fireworks:

- Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks.
- Avoid buying fireworks that are packaged in brown paper because this is often a sign that the fireworks were made for professional displays and that they could pose a danger to consumers.
- Always have an adult supervise fireworks activities. Parents don't realize that young children suffer injuries from sparklers. Sparklers burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees - hot enough to melt some metals.
- Never place any part of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse. Back up to a safe distance immediately after lighting fireworks.
- Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- 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 back quickly.
- Never carry fireworks in a pocket or shoot them off in metal or glass containers.
- After fireworks complete their burning, douse the spent device with plenty of water from a bucket or hose before discarding it to prevent a trash fire.
- Make sure fireworks are legal in your area before buying or using them.

For questions, or more information about Fletcher Fire and Rescue, you can visit [www.fletcherfirerescue.org](http://www.fletcherfirerescue.org), or call us at (828)684-0864.

If you are interested in taking a CPR class, or it is time to renew your current CPR certification, contact Megan with Fletcher Fire and Rescue at (828) 551-3602 or at [mmcfalls@fletcherfirerescue.com](mailto:mmcfalls@fletcherfirerescue.com)

Happy Independence Day, from your Fletcher Fire and Rescue Department!