



FIREWORK SAFETY

Quick Tips to Stay Safe at Your 4th of July Parties

Fireworks can be a lot of fun, but how you handle them can prevent injuries and accidents. If consumer fireworks are legal to buy where you live and you choose to use them, be sure to follow these safety tips:

- Purchase legal fireworks from licensed retailers.
- Read and follow instructions.
- Never use fireworks while impaired by drugs or alcohol.
- Anyone using fireworks or standing nearby should wear protective eyewear.
- Never hold lit fireworks in your hands.
- Never light fireworks indoors.
- Keep fireworks away from people, animals, houses, and flammable materials.
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- Use a long-handled lighter to keep a safe distance.
- Only light one device at a time and maintain a safe distance after lighting.
- Never ignite devices in a container.
- Do not try to re-light or handle malfunctioning fireworks.
- Soak spent and unused fireworks in water for a few hours before discarding.
- Keep a bucket of water nearby to fully extinguish fireworks that don't ignite to prevent a potential fire.
- Never allow children to handle fireworks.
- Have a first aid kit ready and know where there nearest ER is located.

