
Recommended Safety Procedures for Fireworks Discharge

1. The proper handling of fireworks is an adult responsibility. For example, sparklers can reach 1,800° Fahrenheit (982° Celsius) — hot enough to melt gold.
2. Buy only legal fireworks (legal fireworks have a label with the manufacturer's name and directions; illegal ones are unlabeled), and store them in a cool, dry place. Illegal fireworks usually go by the names M-80, M100, blockbuster, or quarterpounder. These explosives were banned in 1966, but still account for many fireworks injuries.
3. Never try to make your own fireworks.
4. Always use fireworks outside and have a bucket of water, a hose, or extinguisher nearby in case of accidents.
5. Steer clear of others — fireworks have been known to backfire or shoot off in the wrong direction. Never throw or point fireworks at someone, even in jest.
6. Don't hold fireworks in your hand or have any part of your body over them while lighting. Wear some sort of eye protection, and avoid carrying fireworks in your pocket— the friction could set them off.
7. Point fireworks away from homes, and keep away from brush and leaves and flammable substances. The National Fire Protection Association estimates that local fire departments respond to more 50,000 fire caused by fireworks each year.
8. Light one firework at a time (not in glass or metal containers), and **never** relight a dud.
9. Don't allow kids to pick up pieces of fireworks after an event. Some may still be ignited and can explode at any time.
10. Soak all fireworks in a bucket of water before throwing them in the trash can.
11. Think about your pet. Animals have sensitive ears and can be extremely frightened or stressed on the Fourth of July. Keep pets indoors, fenced, or penned to reduce the risk that they'll run loose or get injured.

In the case of an Emergency, call 911 immediately.