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# Safety Tip of the Week

## Fireworks Safety

It won't surprise you to learn that most firework-related injuries involve the hands and fingers. This accounts for 38 percent of fireworks injuries. Another 19 percent involve the eyes, and almost 50 percent of the wounds are burns.

### Follow these safety tips when using fireworks:

- Don't let young children play with or ignite fireworks.
- Have sensible adults supervising fireworks activities. Many people don't realize that young children can be seriously injured with sparklers. Sparklers burn at about 2,000 degrees F, hot enough to melt some metals.
- Don't place any part of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse. Move back to a safe distance after lighting fireworks.
- Don't attempt to re-light or pick up fireworks that failed to ignite.
- Don't point or throw fireworks at people, animals, buildings, or dry grass.
- Maintain a water source (bucket of water, garden hose, etc.) for fires or other accidents that occur.
- Ignite fireworks one at a time.
- Don't put fireworks your pocket.
- Once the firework is spent, douse the device with water from a bucket or hose before disposing it in a trashcan or bag.
- Check local laws in the area where you are using fireworks to prevent controversy with the law.



This is what happens when your hand gets too close to fireworks when they go off.

**HAVE A SAFE AND FUN FOURTH OF JULY!!!**