



Leave the Show to the Pros

DO

- Consider safer alternatives such as glow sticks, confetti poppers or colored streamers
- Observe local & state laws
- Have a designated sober adult light all legal fireworks
- Light one firework at a time & move away quickly
- Keep children and other observers at a safe distance – behind a protective barrier
- Store fireworks out of children's reach
- Keep a bucket of water close for disposal of fireworks

FACTS

- Each July 4th, thousands of people, most often children and teens, are injured while using consumer fireworks.
- More than 31,000 reported fires are started by fireworks annually
- Sparklers can reach 1200 degrees, which is hotter than a blow torch
- Sparklers account for 29% of fireworks injuries for children under the age of 5

DON'T

- Allow children to handle fireworks—including sparklers
- Attempt to alter, modify or relight fireworks
- Point or throw lit fireworks at anyone
- Allow children to pick up the spent fireworks - some may still be active
- Ever hold lit fireworks in your hand
- Consume alcohol or drugs when lighting fireworks
- Forget you can be held legally and financially liable for injuries caused by using fireworks

WHAT IF

- If a burn injury does happen, cool the burn with cool (not cold) water to stop the burning process
- Remove all clothing and jewelry from the injured area
- Cover the area with a dry clean sheet or loose bandage
- Seek medical attention