



Firework Safety

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Fireworks are an American tradition. They can provide hours of wholesome, family entertainment, but must be used by adults carefully and safely.



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To insure the safety of both the audience and those lighting the fireworks, it is recommended that everyone obey the following fireworks safety measures during your fireworks display.



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*CHILDREN SHOULD NOT
HANDLE FIREWORKS*

*NEVER LET CHILDREN HANDLE,
PLAY WITH, OR LIGHT ANY
FIREWORKS. ONLY ADULTS
SHOULD HANDLE AND LIGHT
THE FIREWORKS.*



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*Fireworks are
great family fun,
but they burn
very hot and are
intended to be
handled only by
adults.*



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***DO NOT USE ALCOHOL WITH
FIREWORKS***

*Do not consume any alcohol
while lighting or handling any
fireworks.*



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Fireworks must be used only by individuals who act in a responsible manner and who are not under the influence of alcohol or drugs.



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Being impaired in any way when using fireworks, increases the possibilities of misuse and injury.



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***FOLLOW THE LAWS; USE
COMMON SENSE***

*Follow your local and state laws
regarding the possession and
use of fireworks, and use good
common sense when using
fireworks.*



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Read all directions, cautions, labels, and warnings on each individual firework item to understand the product performance and hazards associated with the use of the item.



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Use only those fireworks permitted under the laws of the state and local jurisdiction.



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***USE FIREWORKS ON A HARD
SURFACE***

*Always light fireworks on a hard,
flat, and level surface to insure
the stability of the items.*



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Grass is generally not suitable for any item intended to be used in an upright position. (If lighting fireworks on grass, lay down a flat wooden board for a shooting surface.)



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USE IN A CLEAR, OPEN AREA

Always keep the audience (and particularly children) a safe distance away from the shooting site. Always light the fireworks in a clear open area away from buildings, vehicles, and shrubbery.



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A minimum clear radius of 30 feet for fountains and other ground based items and 100 yards for any aerial product is recommended.



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Avoid lighting the fireworks in any area where there is dry grass or brush that could catch fire or near any flammable items.



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*Never use
fireworks
indoors. Never
shoot
fireworks in
metal
or glass
containers.*



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KEEP CLEAR OF THE FIREWORKS

*Never put your head or any part
of your body
over the top
of any
fireworks
product.*



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Never look into a tube to check on the firework item. Never hold a lighted firework item in your hand. Keep as far from the firework item as possible when lighting.



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***USE CARE IN LIGHTING THE
FIREWORKS.***

*Always light fireworks products
with punk, a Pyro Torch, a flare
or an extended butane lighting
device.*



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This will enable you to keep as far from the firework item as possible. If needed, use a flashlight at night so the fuse can be easily seen; never use a lantern or other flame producing device near fireworks for illumination.



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Light the fireworks product and get away quickly. Respect the fireworks, because if used improperly, they can be dangerous.



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ONE AT A TIME
*Light only one firework item at
a time.*



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DON'T USE MALFUNCTIONING OR "DUD" ITEMS

*Never attempt to re light, alter,
or fix any "dud" firework item. If
a firework item fails to ignite,
let it stand for at least five
minutes, then immerse it in
water.*



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*Dispose of the item properly.
Return the item to your
fireworks dealer for
replacement.*



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***HAVE FIRE SUPPRESSENT
CLOSE BY***

*Have an accessible fire
extinguisher, water supply,
hose, or bucket of water nearby
for emergencies.*



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During any fireworks shoot, there should always be one individual whose sole job is to be alert and at the ready with a water source.



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WINDY CONDITIONS

Be cautious of lighting any fireworks during strong wind conditions.



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The fireworks should be lit with the prevailing wind blowing away from the spectators. If there is a significant wind shift during the time you are lighting the fireworks, the shooting site should be rearranged to accommodate the wind shift or the shooting should be stopped until the windy conditions subside.



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USE CARE IN HANDLING FIREWORKS

*Do not carry fireworks in your pocket
or on*

your person.

*It is preferable
to keep the
products in a*

closed container before ignition.



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Always be careful in handling fireworks to prevent dropping them. Never smoke when handling fireworks.



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NEVER USE THE FIREWORKS AS WEAPONS

Never aim, point, or throw any fireworks at another person or at any property.



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STORAGE OF FIREWORKS



Always store fireworks in a cool, dry place and dispose of fireworks properly.



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USE FIREWORKS OUTDOORS

*Never use fireworks indoors;
only use them outdoors under
safe conditions.*



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***PURCHASE FIREWORKS FROM
RELIABLE DEALERS***

*Buy fireworks only from reliable,
licensed fireworks dealers.*



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Licensed and reliable dealers will only carry those products that meet standards set and enforced by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.



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Do not use illegal explosives; do not alter any firework device; do not make your own fireworks.



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SAFETY GLASSES

Safety glasses are recommended for those individuals lighting the fireworks and those individuals in close proximity to the fireworks.



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BE CAREFUL WITH ANIMALS

The noise and lights of the fireworks often frighten some animals, so it is very important that you are careful with pets and farm animals.



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Consider moving any animals away or keeping them inside during the discharge of fireworks. Be considerate of your pets and animals when using fireworks.



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***DO NOT TRANSPORT
FIREWORKS ON AIRPLANES***

*It is a violation of federal
aviation law to transport any
fireworks device on an airplane.*



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Respect this law and do not attempt to carry any fireworks onto an airplane or transport them in luggage.



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