



# Firework Safety

Summer is a time for barbeques, parades, outside activities and fireworks. However, a joyful celebration can quickly become a painful, traumatic event with a fireworks injury. Blast injuries, amputations and burns are examples of injuries from improper use of fireworks. Take steps to protect yourself and those you love. See safety tips below.

## Safety Tips

### Do

- Use adult supervision when older children are using fireworks.
- Use protective eyewear when using fireworks for anyone standing nearby.
- Use fireworks away from people, houses and flammable material.
- Light one device at a time and maintain a safe distance after lighting.
- Soak both 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 go off or in case of fire.

### Don't

- Allow young children to handle fireworks.
- Use fireworks while impaired by drugs or alcohol.
- Hold lighted fireworks in your hands.
- Light fireworks indoors.
- Point or throw fireworks at another person.
- Ignite devices in a container.
- Try to re-light or handle malfunctioning fireworks.
- Use illegal fireworks.