

Fireworks Safety

* Use caution when handling fireworks *

Fireworks are *tempting to light* — however, researchers and doctors warn that injuries resulting from fireworks have the **potential to be life-altering!** For example, injuries caused by mortars and shells tend to be **MORE SEVERE** and may result in amputations, or even permanent blindness.

BE SAFE THIS 4TH OF JULY >> Share these helpful tips:

- Attend public firework displays — leave lighting fireworks to the professionals & watch safely at a distance
- Make sure children stay a safe distance away from a lit firework
- DO NOT allow children to play with or light fireworks, including sparklers
- ONLY light fireworks & sparklers outdoors
- Keep a bucket of water handy to extinguish any fires
- Never use fireworks while impaired by drugs or alcohol

If you or someone you know uses fireworks:

- Make sure fireworks are legal in your area BEFORE lighting
- Use ONLY legal consumer-grade fireworks
- Wear protective eyewear

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