

Fireworks Safety



About 40 percent of people injured by fireworks are children 14 and younger. Children 10 to 14 have the highest injury rate.

Almost all firework injuries can be prevented!

Safe Kids Maine in partnership with Pyro City Maine hopes you will take the necessary precautions to make your firework celebrations safe and burn-free.

If you choose to use fireworks, follow these guidelines.

- Always provide constant adult supervision whenever children and fireworks are together.
- Teach children to respect the dangers of fireworks.
- Set a good example. Children are great imitators of adult behaviors.
- Offer children safe alternatives such as glow-in-the-dark wands, noisemakers or fireless fireworks.
- Never light fireworks in your hand or near your face.
- Never ignite fireworks in a glass or metal container. The container may explode or shatter, sending shrapnel long distances with great force.
- Keep a bucket of water close by to douse “duds.” Never attempt to relight a firework.
- Sparklers can burn at 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit and are not made for very young children. Put all used sparklers in a bucket of water as they may remain hot for a long period of time.
- Never modify fireworks or use homemade fireworks.
- Do not carry fireworks in your pockets.
- If clothing catches fire, stop, drop and roll till it's out, and then cool with water and call 911.

If an accident occurs

- Call **911** or your local emergency number.
- Remove clothing, shoes, diapers and jewelry. These may hide burns and retain heat, increasing the skin damage.
- Cool the burn with water for a short time. Never use ice on a burn. It can make it worse.
- Cover the burn with a clean, dry cloth or sheet.
- If in doubt, call for help and keep the patient warm and calm.

Many fireworks contain chemicals which can cause burns. For a chemical burn:

- Flush the burned area with running water.
- Call 911 or your local emergency number.
- All chemical burns should be seen by a physician because damage may not be immediately obvious.

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