



Fireworks Safety

Only use legal fireworks with extreme caution. Older children should be closely supervised, and younger children should not be allowed to play with fireworks. Read and follow all warning and instructions.

1. Sparklers, considered by many as “safe” burn at very high temperatures, can easily ignite clothing, and stay hot long after burning out. They are as dangerous as matches or lighter to children. Be sure to collect all burned out sparklers wires for disposal.
2. Older children should only be permitted to use fireworks under close supervision. Never allow any running or horse play.
3. Use lighters with a child resistant feature. Keep matches and lighters out of children’s reach.
4. Light fireworks outdoors, one at a time, on a clear, smooth, flat surface away from houses, dry leaves or grass, or flammable materials.
5. Keep water nearby for emergencies and for pouring on grass, or flammable materials.
6. Never try to relight or handle malfunctioning fireworks. Douse and soak them with water and throw them away.
7. Be sure other people and pets are out of range.
8. Never experiment with fireworks or ignite them in a glass or metal container. Do not attempt to make your own.
9. Keep unused fireworks away from firing areas. Store them in a dry, cool place out of the reach of children.
10. Dispose of fireworks properly.

Teach children to respect fire and fireworks at an early age.

- Fireworks, including sparklers, are not toys.
- Fireworks are dangerous explosives.
- Never pick up fireworks.
- Report any fireworks found to an adult right away.
- Never play with matches or lighters.
- Only use sparklers when an adult is in charge.

For more information on the Minnesota State Fireworks and the rules and regulations and safety guidelines go to <http://www.fire.state.mn.us/Fireworks/ConsumerFireworks.html>