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*Tips from the Fire Marshal*

As the Summer season brings folks outdoors for celebrations and family gatherings, Shaun Semmeles, Fire Marshal, has provided some important safety reminders in hopes everyone enjoys the season responsibly.

Please keep your fellow neighbors in mind when outdoors with common courtesies used for the volume of music and the use of fireworks.

Some residents may be more sensitive to noises and animals can get anxious. With advance notice, your neighbors can secure their animals and take measures to prepare themselves; having those neighborly conversations over the fence could go a long way to making the summer enjoyable for everyone.



# ***Firework Safety***

- ◆ Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks.
- ◆ Do not ignite fireworks or sparkling devices while the person is under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance or another drug.
- ◆ Do not ignite fireworks within **200** feet of an occupied or unoccupied structure.

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Fireworks After 10:00 P.M.**

*The following are exceptions:*

*4th of July — 11:00 P.M.*

*New Year's Eve — 12:30 A.M.  
on New Year's Day*

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), statistics show fireworks start more than 19,000 fires per year in the U.S. ***Please use caution & celebrate responsibly.***

*For more info, visit  
the NFPA website  
using this  
QR code:*



**[www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org)**

# FIREWORKS

Each year, fireworks injure thousands and cause thousands of fires.



Fireworks  
cause an  
estimated

**19,500** reported fires in  
the U.S. each year.

U.S. hospital emergency rooms saw an estimated 9,100  
people for fireworks-related injuries in 2018.



## Fireworks Injuries by Body Part

Eye  
**19%**

Arm  
**4%**

Hand or Finger  
**28%**

Head, Face or Ear  
**15%**

Trunk or Other  
**10%**

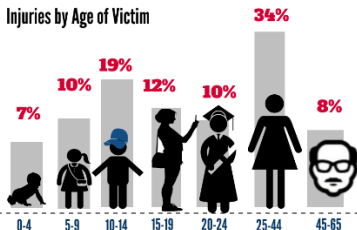
Leg  
**24%**



## Fireworks Injuries: Demographics

**Burns** accounted for 44% of the fireworks injuries seen in the month around July 4th..

Injuries by Age of Victim



**MALES** ACCOUNT FOR **64%** OF FIREWORKS-RELATED INJURIES

More than **one-third** (36%) of the victims of fireworks injuries were under age 15.

About 28% of fires started by fireworks each year, are reported on Independence Day.



**NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**  
The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards

For more information, please visit: [www.nfpa.org/fireworks](http://www.nfpa.org/fireworks)

\*Information sourced from CPSC, and NFPA's "Fireworks Report"

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**FIREWORKS** start over 19,000 fires and send over 9,000 people to the Emergency Room each year in the US. Don't be a statistic. Celebrate with **safe alternatives!**



Outdoor movie night. Set up a screen and projector.

Use glow sticks, they glow in the dark and are a safe alternative to a sparkler.

Red, white and blue silly string...fun for all ages.

