



Fireworks Safety

Celebrate Safely!

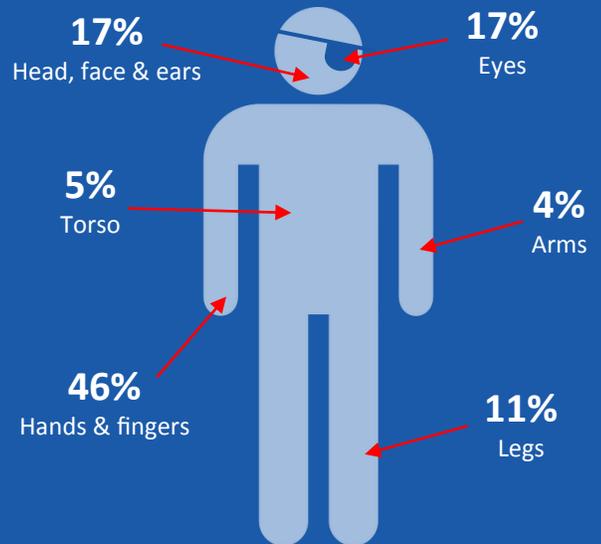
Enjoy your fireworks while keeping you and your family safe this holiday!

- ⇒ **Only adults** should use fireworks. It is illegal for children under the age of 18 to buy, use, or be in possession of fireworks.
- ⇒ Read and follow all **instructions and warnings** on fireworks before use.
- ⇒ Alcohol should **never** be consumed near fireworks.
- ⇒ Keep a **safe distance** between yourself and others when lighting fireworks. Fireworks have been known to backfire or shoot off in the wrong direction.
- ⇒ **Never point or throw** fireworks at others - even in jest.
- ⇒ **Do not hold** fireworks in your hand or any other part of your body while lighting. Wear eye protection in case of an unexpected discharge.
- ⇒ Fireworks should be used outdoors, on a smooth, flat surface **away from homes, flammable materials and dry grass**.
- ⇒ **Always** keep a bucket full of water and a garden hose nearby in case of emergency.
- ⇒ If a firework won't light, consider it a dud and **do not** attempt to relight it.
- ⇒ Expended fireworks should be **soaked** in a bucket of water prior to throwing them in the trash.

There is no such thing as a **harmless firework**.

Even sparklers, which are often given to children to handle, burn hot enough to cause serious burns.

Body Parts Most Injured by Fireworks



Don't forget about your furry family members!

Fireworks can be very frightening to your pet's sensitive ears. Keep pets indoors to reduce their risk of injury and getting loose.



Only unaltered SAFE & SANE fireworks bearing the State Fire Marshal's seal are legal in California.

- Never attempt to make your own fireworks.
- A good rule of thumb: If it goes up in the air, darts across the ground, or explodes, it is illegal.
- If you live in a Homeowners Association, check to make sure fireworks are permitted in your community.

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