



## A SAFE AND HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY BEGINS WITH YOU!

Champions ESD is opposed to consumer use of fireworks. Fireworks cause around 18,500 fires in the U.S. each year and cause over 10,000 injuries. Even sparklers burn hot enough to cause third-degree burns.

### BE CAREFUL!

- If you want to see fireworks, go to a public show put on by experts
- Keep a close eye on children at public fireworks events
- Do not use consumer fireworks

However, if you feel you must purchase consumer fireworks, please follow these tips:

- Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks.
- Always have an adult supervise fireworks activities. Young children can suffer injuries from simple fireworks like sparklers.
  - **Sparklers burn at over 1,200 degrees** - hot enough to melt some metals.
- Never place any part of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse, and back up to a safe distance immediately after lighting fireworks.
- Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or another mishap.
- Light fireworks one at a time, then move back quickly.
- Never carry fireworks in a pocket or shoot them off in metal or glass containers.
- After fireworks complete their burning, douse the spent device with plenty of water from a bucket or hose before discarding it to prevent a trash fire.
- Pets and fireworks don't mix. Loud noises can cause pets to become anxious or afraid.
- Clean pine needles and leaves off roofs and out of gutters to prevent a fire.

<https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/By-topic/Seasonal-fires/Fireworks>

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