

Fireworks Safety

Summer is synonymous with BBQ's, parades, and fireworks and July 4th is a special time in our country when we celebrate our nation's birthday.



The Atwell group of companies encourages all employees to enjoy fireworks this summer at public displays conducted by professionals and please be cautious if using fireworks at home. They may be legal in your area, but they aren't necessarily safe.

Fireworks start an average of 18,500 fires each year, including 1300 structure fires, 300 vehicle fires, and nearly 17,000 other fires.

Firework Safety Tips:

- Never allow young children to handle fireworks
- Sparklers are a lot more dangerous than people think
 - They burn at about 2,000 degrees-hot enough to melt some metals
 - They can quickly ignite clothes
 - Children have received severe burns from dropping sparkler on their feet
 - Consider examples of safer alternatives – glow sticks, confetti poppers and colored streamers
- Older children should use them only under close adult supervision

NEVER

- Hold lit fireworks in your hands
- Ignite devices in a container
- Use illegal fireworks
- Light them indoors
- Point or throw fireworks at another person
- Try to re-light or handle malfunctioning fireworks

ALWAYS

- Use them away from people, houses, and flammable material
- Soak both spent and unused fireworks in water for a few hours before discarding
- Use protective eyewear
- Keep a bucket of water nearby to fully extinguish fireworks that don't go off or in case of fire

Celebrate **safely** this summer!