



OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL

4TH OF JULY SAFETY BULLETIN

FIREWORKS SAFETY REMINDER – CELEBRATE RESPONSIBLY THIS FOURTH OF JULY

Star Fire Protection District

Firework-related injuries, fatalities, and property damage continue to be a serious concern across the nation—especially during the Fourth of July holiday. As we prepare for celebrations, it's critical to prioritize safety to protect our families, neighborhoods, and first responders.

Key Fireworks Safety Facts

- **Injury Statistics:** Over **10,400** people were treated in U.S. emergency rooms in 2024 due to firework-related injuries.
- **Fatalities:** **11 deaths** were reported nationwide from fireworks incidents in 2024.
- **Common Injuries:** Burns, lacerations, and eye trauma are most common, with **hands, fingers, head, face, and eyes** being the most affected areas.
- **Youth at Risk:** Nearly **50% of injuries** occur in individuals **under the age of 20**, with children and teens particularly vulnerable.
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Fireworks Safety Tips

- **Adult Supervision Required:** Never allow children to handle fireworks. Always have a responsible adult in charge.
- **Know the Law:**
- **Aerial fireworks are prohibited** within the **City of Star, City of Eagle, Ada County, Canyon County and Gem County**.
- The use of **non-aerial common fireworks** is permitted **June 23 – July 5** within the **Star Fire Protection District**.
- **Local noise ordinances** remain in effect.
- **Use Legal Fireworks Only:** Purchase fireworks from licensed vendors and follow all label instructions carefully.
- **Protect Your Eyes:** Safety glasses are strongly recommended when lighting fireworks.
- **Light One at a Time:** Never attempt to relight a “dud” firework. Wait, then soak it in water.
- **Maintain Distance:** Step back immediately after lighting any firework.
- **Choose a Safe Area:** Use only in open, clear spaces—**keep away from homes, vehicles, dry grass, and flammable materials**.
- **Be Ready for Fire:** Have a hose, water bucket, or extinguisher on hand at all times.
- **Cool and Soak Before Disposal:** Fully douse used fireworks in water and keep trash containers away from buildings.
- **Avoid Alcohol:** Alcohol and fireworks are a dangerous mix—leave fireworks to a sober adult.
- **Attend Professional Shows:** Reduce neighborhood risk by enjoying **community-sponsored fireworks displays**.

By practicing safety and following local laws, we can celebrate Independence Day without tragedy. Let's work together to keep Star safe, festive, and fire-free.