

Fireworks Safety



Fireworks are a beautiful sight and a popular pastime.
However, they are the cause of house fires, injuries, and hundreds of wildfires.

National statistics reveal:

Number of Fires

19,500+ fires are started by fireworks annually.

Sparklers

Sparklers account for one-quarter of emergency room fireworks injuries.

Injuries

More than one-third of firework injuries are children under the age of 15.

Hospital Injuries

Every year, 9,000+ fireworks-related injuries are treated in the hospital (almost half occur around July 4th).

SOUTH CAROLINA LAWS

Only individuals 16+ can legally buy fireworks.
These following are illegal in S.C.:

- M-80s
- Bottle rockets less than ½" diameter and 3" long
- Cherry Bombs
- TNT Salutes

Never use homemade fireworks or illegal explosives.

PURCHASING FIREWORKS

- Buy fireworks only from licensed firework retailers (look for a 3"x5" permit on the building/stand).
- Store fireworks in a cool, dry place.
- Observe local laws and weather forecasts.
- Read warning labels and fireworks instructions before use.

SHOOTING FIREWORKS

- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- Do not lean over the top while lighting.
- Only use fireworks outdoors. Stay away from homes, dry grass, and trees.
- Do not try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.
- Never use fireworks while impaired by alcohol or drugs.
- Only light one firework at a time.
- Only use fireworks with adult supervision.

FIREWORKS DISPOSAL

Place used fireworks in a bucket of water before disposal. After soaking the fireworks, place them in a metal trashcan away from buildings and combustible materials.



Enjoy a safe
Fourth of July!

