

## **Fourth of July – Firework Safety!**

Fourth of July is days away. Families and friends are getting together to celebrate with fireworks, picnics and more. After Independence Day, we hear of many accidents due to firework related injuries such as burns and injuries to the eyes. These injuries can arise when you are not properly prepared or take the proper precautions. Follow these tips to ensure your Fourth of July is fun and safe.

- Make sure that fireworks are legal in your area before buying or using them.
- Keep a bucket of water or garden hose readily accessible in case of fire or other mishap.
- Soak fireworks in a bucket of water before throwing into the trash can.
- Never try to relight or pick up fireworks that have not fully ignited.
- Adult supervision is needed with fireworks. Sparklers, handheld fireworks, are a leading cause of injury for young children.
- Light one firework at a time and immediately back away.

For more firework safety tips visit the [U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission](#)