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 **Fireworks Safety Measures**

Toolbox Talk # 5047

Fireworks are a boldly beautiful way to celebrate many occasions, but consumers should always follow the appropriate safety measures when using fireworks to avoid turning a fun celebration into an emergency.

To prevent fireworks accidents, it is crucial to handle the charges safely.

Following proper [safety measures](http://www.fireworkssafety.org/) when using fireworks is critical to preventing injuries and accidental fires. When lighting fireworks, follow these safety precautions:

* Obey all local laws about where and when to light consumer fireworks; if fireworks are banned, do not light any items.
* Designate one person to light the fireworks and equip them with safety goggles or other protective clothing.
* Light fireworks only on a flat, stable surface away from combustible materials such as bushes, dry leaves, grass or brush. Never light fireworks in an empty field.
* Use a long-handled match or long lighter to keep as far from the fuse as possible.
* Never alter or combine fireworks in any way, including trimming fuses or cutting away protective packaging.
* Do not re-light dud fireworks or charges that do not finish their promised show.
* Keep a bucket of water or a hose nearby in case of stray sparks or other problems. Consider dousing the area around where the fireworks will be lit before beginning to control sparks.
* Light only one firework at a time; do not attempt to light several to create a larger display.
* Remove all unnecessary packaging before lighting fireworks.
* Do not light fireworks under trees or near vehicles, buildings or windows.
* Never aim fireworks toward people, streets, buildings or other obstacles.
* Place fireworks on the ground before lighting to avoid accidental hand burns or dropping the firework.
* Keep spectators at least 20 feet away from the lighting area.
* Keep pets indoors or away from the lighting area; the loud noises and acrid smells can frighten animals into unpredictable behavior.
* Never use fireworks indoors.
* Do not light fireworks while under the influence of alcohol.
* Restrict running and horseplay near the fireworks area.
* Do not ignite fireworks in a container such as a bucket or trash can.
* Be sure there is adequate light in the firework area to safely see the fuse while lighting charges; use a flashlight if necessary.
* Do not light fireworks in windy conditions that can affect how the sparks fly or may move the charge unexpectedly.
* Do not permit young children to handle any fireworks, even sparklers.
* Always provide adequate supervision when lighting fireworks.
* Understand appropriate fire safety precautions while lighting fireworks.

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