



# FIREWORKS SAFETY

SafeTips from the Naval Safety Command

**The National Safety Council recommends enjoying fireworks at public displays conducted by professionals and not using any fireworks at home. If you choose to use consumer fireworks, ensure they are legal in your area, and follow these important safety guidelines:**

- Never allow young children to handle fireworks.
- Older children should only use fireworks under close adult supervision.
- Never use fireworks while impaired by drugs or alcohol.
- Everyone using or standing near fireworks should wear protective eyewear.
- Never hold lit fireworks in your hands.
- Light fireworks outdoors only, away from people, houses and flammable materials.
- Never point or throw fireworks at others.
- Light only one firework at a time and step back to a safe distance.
- Never ignite fireworks inside a container.
- If a firework malfunctions, do not attempt to relight it. Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in water.
- Soak both used and unused fireworks in water for several hours before discarding them.
- Keep a bucket of water or a hose nearby in case of fire.
- Never use illegal fireworks.



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