

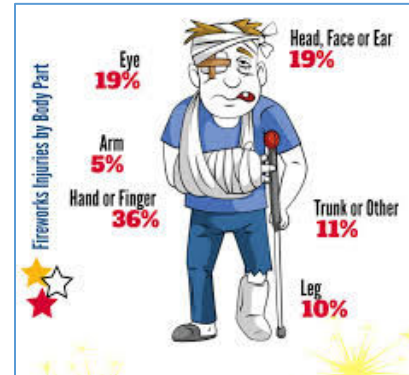
Safety Tips for The 4th Of July

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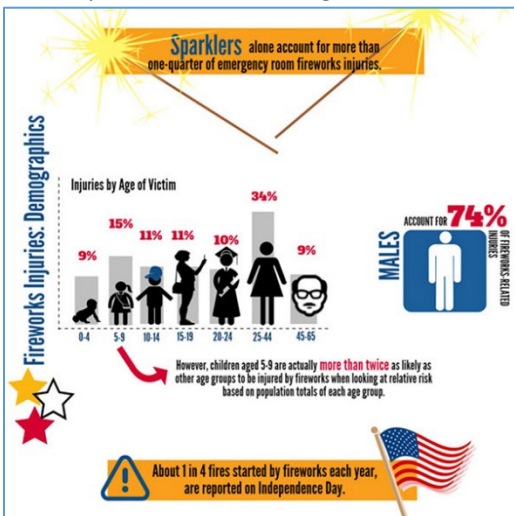
As the 4th of July approaches, many of us eagerly anticipate the dazzling displays of fireworks that light up the night sky, symbolizing the spirit of freedom and celebration. However, with the beauty of fireworks comes the need for caution and safety.

It's important, however, to be aware of the potential dangers of fireworks, such as severe burns, injuries to fingers, fires, and much more. According to [the National Safety Council](#) (NSC), fireworks cause around 19,000 fires annually, and about half of the injuries happen to children and young adults under the age of 20. Injuries tend to occur most frequently during the two weeks leading up to and following the 4th of July. For a safe experience with fireworks that avoids harm to people and the environment, it's important to follow some basic guidelines.



We would advise keeping fireworks out of reach of children and ensuring that older children are closely supervised when using them. Also, make sure to wear protective eyewear to safeguard your eyes. Some other important reminders include:

- ✓ Never hold fireworks in your hands or attempt to light them indoors.
- ✓ Never throw or point fireworks at another person.
- ✓ Only light one device at a time and never try to ignite a device in a container.
- ✓ If a firework doesn't light or malfunctions, do not try to re-light or handle it. Instead, soak spent and unused fireworks in water for a few hours before disposing of them.
- ✓ Keep a bucket of water nearby to fully extinguish fireworks and always remember to never use illegal fireworks.



For children, you may want to consider using alternatives to fireworks, such as party poppers, bubbles, silly string, or glow sticks. Additionally, it's always a good idea to be aware of your local laws regarding the purchase and use of fireworks.

If you need more information on fireworks safety or need help with any risk-related issues, please contact Albert Sica, Managing Principal, at 732.395.4251 or asica@thealsgroup.com.

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