

## Fireworks Safety Tips

Even legal fireworks can be dangerous. Take special precautions to celebrate safely on the Fourth of July. Here are some helpful tips:

- Only approved legal fireworks may be discharged.
- Always have a responsible adult present. Only adults should ignite fireworks.
- When displaying legally purchased, approved fireworks, place them on a flat surface, clear of any combustible material and clear of all buildings.
- Never throw fireworks.
- Always read all warnings and instructions.
- Be sure other people are out of range and warned before lighting fireworks.
- Never ignite fireworks while holding them.
- Never build or experiment with homemade fireworks.
- Never try to relight fireworks that have not functioned properly.
- Keep a bucket of water nearby in case of a malfunction.
- Call 9-1-1 immediately if a fire starts or if injury occurs. Remember to stop, drop and roll if exposed to fire.
- Dispose of used fireworks by first soaking them in water.
- The safest way to prevent fireworks-related injuries is to leave fireworks displays to trained professionals.

### Remember:

Misuse of fireworks causing death, injury or property loss shall incur civil or criminal liability. Our goals are public safety and voluntary compliance of the law. Help us protect you and your loved ones:

- Surrender illegal fireworks voluntarily when requested by authorities.
- Argument may lead to issuing a summons to court and confiscation of illegal fireworks.
- Refusal to comply will result in a custodial arrest and confiscation of the contraband.

For a safe Fourth of July fireworks display your whole family can enjoy, visit [www.pwcgov.org/fire](http://www.pwcgov.org/fire) and click on "Fireworks".

