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BURNSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT FIREWORKS SAFETY GUIDELINES

Fireworks and celebrations go together, especially during the summer months, but fireworks can be dangerous and associated with many injuries nationally each year.

The following safety guidelines are offered to reduce fireworks injuries, and fires.

- Person must be 18 years of age to purchase fireworks
- Read, understand and follow the instructions on each device prior to using
- Keep fireworks away from children: *Sparklers are the leading fireworks product involved in injuries to children under age 5. Sparklers reach temperatures greater than 2000 degrees Fahrenheit at the tip and can cause serious burns by igniting clothing.*
- Only light fireworks on a smooth, flat surface away from people, structures, vehicles, dry leaves, and flammable materials.
- Never ignite fireworks inside another container.
- Eye protection is recommended for those using fireworks.
- If a firework device has been ignited but fails to go off, stay clear of the firework device for an extended period of time to prevent injury due to delayed activation. Soak the firework device in water before handling it.
- Store fireworks in a cool dry location away from sources of ignition.

The following are ILLEGAL fireworks:

- Any fireworks that are explosive
- Any fireworks that are aerial
- Firecrackers (any size), ladyfingers
- Sky Rockets, bottle rockets, missile type rockets, helicopters, aerial spinners, planes, UFO'S, chasers, parachutes, aerial shells
- Roman Candles