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## July 4th and Summer = Fireworks!



We all love fireworks! Lights, colors, noises...

Summer has barbecues, parades, swimming, AND Fireworks! Especially on the July 4th. We love to celebrate with fireworks. But they can also be very dangerous. On average, 180 - 230 people go to the ER every day with fireworks-related injuries on and around the July 4th holiday.\* In addition to injuries, fireworks start an average of 18,500 fires each year.\*\*

### Safety Tips For Fireworks and the Home User

- Never allow young children to handle fireworks
- Older children should use them only under close adult supervision
- Never use fireworks while impaired by drugs or alcohol
- Anyone using fireworks or standing nearby should wear protective eyewear
- Never hold lighted fireworks in your hands
- Never light them indoors
- Only use them away from people, animals/pets, houses and flammable material
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person or animal
- Only light one device at a time and maintain a safe distance after lighting
- Never ignite devices in a container
- Do not try to re-light or handle malfunctioning fireworks
- Soak both spent and unused fireworks in water for a few hours before discarding
- Keep a bucket of water nearby to fully extinguish fireworks that don't go off or in case of fire
- Never stand or hold any part of your body over the fireworks
- Never carry fireworks in your pocket
- Always buy professionally manufactured fireworks
- Never buy fireworks in brown paper - that may be a sign they were made for a professional display and not the "home user"
- Never use illegal fireworks

## A Word About Sparklers

Young children LOVE sparklers. They love to run with them watching the sparks. Below are a couple things to remember about these seemingly harmless "toys".

- Sparklers burn at about 2,000 degrees
- Sparklers can quickly ignite clothing
- Sparklers can severely burn skin



Info sources: nsc.org, cpsc.gov, assh.org

\*Consumer Product Safety Commission - cpsc.gov and American Society for Surgery of the Hand - assh.org || \*\* National Safety Council - nsc.org



Now that the weather has warmed up and gotten nice outside, grilling season is upon us yet again. Time to fire up those grills and buy some juicy hamburgers, sausages, and hot dogs, of course!

### Some Fun Facts :

- Joey Chestnut currently holds the world record in hot dog eating by eating 69 hot dogs (and buns) in 10 minutes
- The Tokyo Dog food truck located in Seattle, WA holds the record for the most expensive hot dog, costing \$169
- The longest hot dog on record, made by Novex SA of Paraguay in 2011, is 668 ft. and 7.62 in. (203.80m.)

Read More: [nationaldaycalendar.com/national-hot-dog-month-july/](http://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-hot-dog-month-july/)

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