



Fireworks Safety Tips

The Office of the Fire Marshal offers the following fireworks safety tips:

- ⇒ **To minimize the risk of fire and burn injury, the fire service recommends that everyone attend public fireworks displays organized and monitored by fireworks experts (for example, displays organized by your local municipality).**
- ⇒ **Backyard or family fireworks displays are not recommended.**
- ⇒ **If you choose to have a backyard or family fireworks display, the following safety tips should be followed:**
 - ✓ **purchase your fireworks from a reliable source;**
 - ✓ **always read and follow the label directions exactly;**
 - ✓ **adults must supervise the lighting and handling of fireworks at all times;**
 - ✓ **always keep water handy (a garden hose or bucket of water);**
 - ✓ **discharge fireworks away from combustible materials, including buildings and trees;**
 - ✓ **keep children a safe distance away from fireworks when the fireworks are discharged;**
 - ✓ **light only one firework at a time;**
 - ✓ **never re-light a “dud” firework (wait 15 to 20 minutes, then soak it in a bucket of water);**
 - ✓ **never give fireworks to small children, including sparklers. While sparklers are often considered harmless fun, they can burn twice as hot as a typical kitchen oven (they can burn at 650 C or 1,200 F), can ignite clothing, and cause eye damage and burns;**
 - ✓ **dispose of fireworks properly by soaking them in water and then disposing of them in a metal garbage can;**
 - ✓ **if someone gets burned, run cool water over the wound for three to five minutes.**