

Firework Safety Tips

Fireworks and celebrations go together, especially during the holiday season. But fireworks can be dangerous when used improperly, causing serious burn and eye injuries. That's why the Montgomery County Fire Marshal strongly recommends that you:

LEAVE FIREWORKS TO THE PROFESSIONALS!

If celebrating with fireworks is legal in your area, and you decide to use them, follow these safety tips:

Before you shoot:

1. **DO NOT LET YOUR CHILDREN BUY FIREWORKS WITHOUT ADULT SUPERVISION**
2. Only buy from reliable fireworks sellers
3. Never experiment or attempt to make your own fireworks
4. Store fireworks in a cool, dry place
5. Find a smooth, flat surface, away from the house or other buildings, dry leaves or grass
6. Be sure to have water handy in case of a malfunction or fire
7. ALWAYS HAVE ADULT SUPERVISION!

When you're ready to shoot:

1. **NEVER ALLOW CHILDREN TO PLAY WITH OR IGNITE FIREWORKS**
2. Always read and follow label directions, warnings, and instructions
3. Be considerate of your neighbors
4. Only ignite fireworks outdoors, and away from houses and other buildings
5. Be sure other people are out of range before lighting fireworks
6. Light only one firework at a time
7. Never try to re-light fireworks that have not fully functioned
8. Never give fireworks to small children, even sparklers cause serious burns
9. Never throw fireworks at another person, vehicle, or animal
10. Never carry fireworks in your pocket
11. Never shoot fireworks in metal or glass containers
12. Dispose of spent fireworks properly