

FIREWORKS SAFETY: FIRE AND INJURY STATISTICS

Each July 4th, thousands of people, most often children and teens, are injured while using and handling consumer fireworks.

Despite the dangers of fireworks, very few people understand the associated risks of overlooking fireworks safety. In 2017, there was a report of:



12,900 fireworks
related injuries/burns



\$43 million in direct
property fire damage



Average of 3 deaths
each year

Fireworks start an
avg. of 18,500 fires
per year:



1,300
Structure fires



300
vehicle fires



16,900
outside fires



Learn more about
responsible fireworks
safety at **[nfpa.org](https://www.nfpa.org)**

SOURCE: [nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Seasonal-fire-causes/Fireworks](https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Seasonal-fire-causes/Fireworks)



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Obey all local laws regarding the use of fireworks.

Read the cautionary labels and performance descriptions before igniting.

Wear safety glasses when shooting fireworks.

**Use fireworks outdoors in a clear area;
away from buildings and vehicles.**

**Never relight a "dud" firework. Wait 20 minutes
and then soak it in a bucket of water.**

**Dispose of spent fireworks by wetting them and
place in a metal can away from any building
or combustible materials until the next day.**

**A responsible adult should supervise all
firework activities.**

Have a water and charged water hose nearby.

Source: National Council on Fireworks Safety

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