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FIREWORKS SAFETY TIPS

Fireworks can cause injuries in kids and adults if not handled properly. Do not use fireworks at home. Attend a park or open area away from homes and traffic. Closely supervise children around fireworks at all times.

Take Necessary Precautions Never light fireworks indoors or near dry grass. Point fireworks away from homes, and keep away from brush, leaves and flammable substances. Stand several feet away from lit fireworks. If a device does not go off, do not stand over it to investigate it, Put it out with water and dispose of it. Always have a bucket of water and/or a fire extinguisher nearby. Know how to operate the fire extinguisher properly.

Steer clear of others AND USE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS fireworks have been known to backfire or shoot off in the wrong direction. Never throw or point fireworks at someone. Don't hold fireworks in your hand or have any part of your body over them while lighting. Wear some sort of eye protection, and avoid carrying fireworks in your pocket, the friction could set them off. Light one firework at a time (not in glass or metal containers, don't allow kids to pick up pieces of fireworks after an event. Some may still be ignited and can explode at any time. Soak all fireworks in a bucket of water before throwing them in the trash can.

Be Prepared for an Accident or Injury

If a child is injured by fireworks, immediately go to a doctor or hospital. If an eye injury occurs, don't allow your child to touch or rub it, as this may cause even more damage. Also, don't flush the eye out with water or attempt to put any ointment on it. Instead, cut out the bottom of a paper cup, place it around the eye, and immediately seek medical attention, your child's eyesight may depend on it. If it's a burn, remove clothing from the burned area and run cool, not cold, water over the burn (do not use ice). Call your doctor immediately.

FIRE SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

IF YOU FAIL TO PLAN, YOU PLAN TO FAIL

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