

Firework Safety Tips

LEAVE FIREWORKS TO THE PROFESSIONALS!

Fireworks and celebrations go together, especially during the holiday season. But fireworks can be dangerous when used improperly, causing serious burn and eye injuries and cause wildland fires. That's why the Kendall County Fire Marshal recommends that you: Leave Fireworks to the Professionals!!!!

Before you shoot:

1. Do not let your children buy fireworks without adult supervision. (Must be 12 years or older to purchase.)
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 and 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.
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, and animal or into grass or leaves.
10. Never carry fireworks in your pocket.
11. Never shoot fireworks in metal or glass containers.
12. Dispose of spent fireworks properly.

For additional safety information see the following.

www.texasfireworkssafety.com/state_laws.php

<http://www.americanpyro.com/>

<http://fireworksafety.com/>

<http://www.nfpa.org/assets/files/pdf/public%20education/fireworkssafetytips.pdf>

http://kidshealth.org/parent/firstaid_safe/outdoor/fireworks.html