



SAFETY TIPS FROM THE CALIFORNIA CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

This 4th of July holiday season, the California City Fire Department has the following tips:

- **Buy only State Fire Marshal-approved (Safe and Sane) Fireworks. They must have the State Fire Marshal's seal on them and can only be purchased at licensed firework stands.**
- **Fireworks may only be purchased and used between 12:00PM 6/28/2011 and 12:00PM 7/5/2011**
- **Fireworks that leave or travel across the ground are illegal**
- **Always read directions**
- **Always have an adult present**
- **Use fireworks outdoors only**
- **Never use near dry grass or other flammable materials**
- **Light one at a time**
- **Use common sense and keep a safe distance**
- **Never point or throw fireworks at another person**
- **Never experiment with fireworks**
- **Have a bucket of water and a hose handy**
- **Never attempt to relight or "fix" fireworks**
- **Do not wear loose fitting clothing**
- **Never carry fireworks in your pocket**
- **Fireworks are not toys**
- **Parents are liable for any damage or injuries caused by their children using fireworks.**

For other fireworks-related information, please log on to:

http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/strucfireengineer/strucfireengineer_fireworks.php

VIOLATIONS CAN RESULT IN A CITIATION OR ARREST, SO PLEASE BE RESPONSIBLE!

HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE 4TH OF JULY.



Fireworks Safety

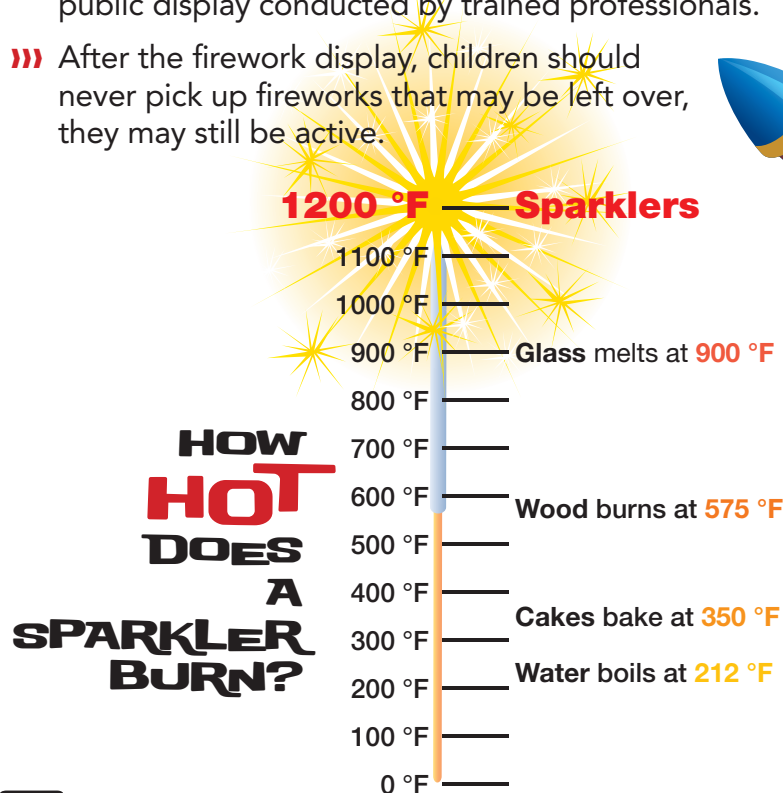
Fireworks during the Fourth of July are as American as apple-pie, but did you know that more fires are reported on that day than on any other day of the year in the United States? Nearly half of these fires are caused by fireworks. The good news is you can enjoy your holiday and the fireworks, with just a few simple safety tips:

PROCEED WITH CAUTION!

- »»» Leave fireworks to the professionals. Do not use consumer fireworks.
- »»» The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public display conducted by trained professionals.
- »»» After the firework display, children should never pick up fireworks that may be left over, they may still be active.

CONSUMER FIREWORKS

include sparklers and firecrackers. The tip of a sparkler burns at a temperature of more than **1,200 degrees Fahrenheit**, which is hot enough to cause third-degree burns.



FACTS

- ! Each July Fourth, thousands of people, most often children and teens, are injured while using consumer fireworks.
- ! The risk of fireworks injury is more than twice as high for children ages 10–14 as for the general population.



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