

Tips for Safe Fireworks Use

Fireworks are a prevalent and exciting way to celebrate major holidays, but they can also be dangerous if not used correctly. Allied Universal has compiled a list of items to consider when using fireworks during your festivities. Stay safe and have fun!

- The best way to stay safe is to avoid the home use of fireworks altogether and attend a public community display instead.
- Are fireworks legal in your area? Not all communities allow the use of fireworks; always ensure that they are allowed before you purchase or use them.
- Buy only legal fireworks with a manufacturer's label and store them in a cool, dry place.
- Fireworks are for outdoor use only and should be used as intended; do not alter or combine them in any way.
- An adult should always supervise the use of fireworks; never allow young children to ignite or play with fireworks. Even sparklers can cause serious injuries, as they can burn at temperatures near 1,200 degrees.
- Never shoot fireworks off in glass or metal containers, and do not re-light any that fail to function the first time.
- In the event of an accidental fire, always keep a supply of water near the area where you light the fireworks.

- Light only one firework at a time. Do not hold it over any part of your body and move away from the item as soon as it has ignited.
- Once you have finished, remember to douse the used fireworks with water to prevent fire.
- Fireworks and alcohol can be a deadly combination; make sure the adult who is lighting them has not consumed alcohol.
- If any injury occurs, run cool water over the burn and seek medical attention immediately.

Remember, security and crime prevention are everyone's responsibility!



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