

FOURTH OF JULY PET SAFETY

Tips to keep your pet safe and secure during fireworks this year.



Visible ID

Make sure your pet has up-to-date and visible ID tags. We also recommend that your pet be microchipped.



Keep your pets inside

Keep your pets inside in a secure room or crate during Fourth of July celebrations.



Distract

Play soft music in your pet's secure room to muffle the sounds of fireworks and other loud noises.



Exercise

Take your dog on a walk before fireworks to help release extra energy.



Avoid

Make sure your pet does not have access to fireworks, sparklers, glowsticks and charcoal. These items are toxic to your pets.



Comfort

Items such like treats, blankets or a Thundershirt can help ease your pet's anxiety during fireworks.



Know what to do when your pet gets loose

- Contact your local animal control office and your microchip company
- Post on your personal social media
- Visit www.richmondspca.org/lostandfound for more tips

4th of JULY SAFETY

HEAT-RELATED ILLNESS

STAY HYDRATED

Drink more than 8 ounces a day
Drink even when you're not thirsty
Avoid alcohol, coffee & soft drinks



APPLY SUNSCREEN

The sun is the strongest between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
Reapply sunscreen often
Stick to SPF's between 15 and 50+



WEAR YOUR SHADES



Sunglasses must block 99 to 100% of UVA/UVB rays



MOST AT RISK



Adults over 65 and children under 4
Those w/existing medical conditions

GRILL SAFETY

in a 5-year period



8,900 house fires
160 injuries
118 mil. in damages
10 deaths

KEEP GRILL:

- AWAY FROM STRUCTURES
- IN WELL-VENTILATED AREA
- AWAY FROM CHILDREN & PETS

Fireworks Safety

NEVER allow children to play with or ignite fireworks

KEEP a bucket of water or hose nearby

MAKE sure fireworks are legal in your area

MORE THAN 14,000 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS EXPLODE ACROSS THE NATION EACH YEAR



**LAS VEGAS
FIRE & RESCUE
WANTS YOU TO HAVE
A SAFE AND SANE
4TH OF JULY.**





United States
Consumer Product Safety Commission

Fireworks Injuries & Deaths

2020 REPORT

#CelebrateSafely

Fireworks Safety Tips

- ★ Never allow children to play with or ignite fireworks.
- ★ Make sure fireworks are legal in your area before buying or using them.
- ★ Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishap.
- ★ Light fireworks one at a time, then move back quickly.
- ★ Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.
- ★ Never use fireworks while impaired by alcohol or drugs.
- ★ More Fireworks Safety Tips: [cpsc.gov/fireworks](https://www.cpsc.gov/fireworks)

Spike in Fireworks Injuries & Deaths

50%

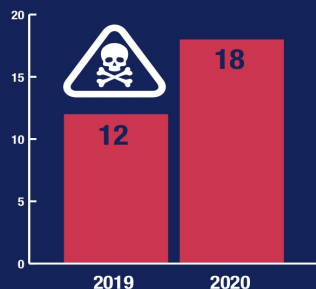
Increase in
deaths & injuries
compared to 2019



15,600

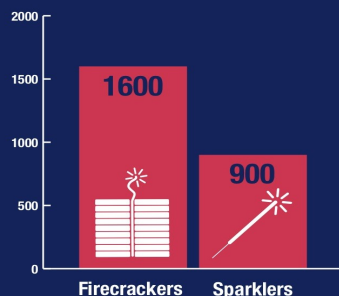
people were
treated in ERs for
fireworks injuries

Deaths from Fireworks



How & When Injuries Occurred

Injuries by Firework Type



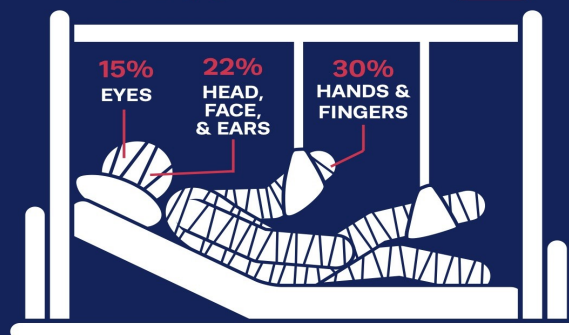
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of injuries occurred
in the month around
the July 4th holiday



Most Injured Body Parts

44% of the injuries
were burns



Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety
Commission 2020 Fireworks Annual Report



- Always light fireworks on a level, hard surface.
- Do not light fireworks underneath trees, houses or overhangs.
- Always keep a hose with a nozzle, full of water ready to wet down fireworks.
- If you light fireworks on grass or any other surface not paved, make sure you wet it down.
- Keep a 5 gallon bucket or a large trash can full of water to soak your used fireworks for a minimum of 24 hours before disposing of them.
- Look up before lighting any aerial fireworks to make sure they won't hit anything.
- Do not alter or combine fireworks in any manner.
- Only light fireworks 10 or more feet away from your home.
- Never let children use or handle fireworks unattended.
- If you do not have a container for disposal, leave them on the curbside after you have soaked them. **DO NOT** put them in your garbage can for at least 24 hours after they are used and soaked.
- Secure your pets before lighting any fireworks. Many pets are lost or injured on the 4th of July due to fireworks.