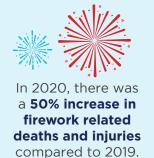
# FIRE & FIREWORKS SAFETY AWARENESS TIPS



## **DID YOU KNOW?**



- US Consumer Product Safety Commission Fireworks start an average of about 19,000 fires each year.

- National Safety Counsel





Sparklers can burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit which is hot enough to melt gold.

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## Sparklers alone

account for more than 25% of emergency visits for

fireworks injuries.

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## PREVENTION .....

The safest way to view fireworks is by attending a fireworks display. In the case that you and your loved ones utilize fireworks, consider the following:

#### **Know the Law:**

- It is illegal to discharge fireworks or to have fireworks in your possession in the city of Houston. Fines vary from \$500 - \$2000 for each individual firework.
- Due to the seriousness of the firework laws warnings are no longer issued.
- If a minor is caught with fireworks, the parent or guardian will receive the fine, even if they were unaware of the minor's possession and/ or usage.
- Regardless of where you live, it is illegal to use fireworks near churches, hospitals, licensed childcare centers, and schools (unless you have written permission).
- Check with your local fire department for more information on firework laws in your area and check to see if a burn ban is in place before using fireworks.

## Stay Safe:

- Only buy labeled fireworks any unlabeled fireworks are illegal.
- Store fireworks in a cool, dry place.
- Keep cigarettes away from fireworks.
- Always use fireworks outside and have a bucket of water and a hose close by.
- Keep pets indoors to reduce the risk injury, animals have sensitive ears and can become extremely frightened with the sound of fireworks.
- Do not wear loose clothing when lighting fireworks!
- Light fireworks one at a time and remember to point and shoot fireworks away from people.
- Soak any used fireworks in a bucket of water before throwing them away.





# CONVERSATION .....



Discussing fireworks safety and laws with minors is paramount to reducing injuries and preventing consequences.

#### **Ask Yourself:**

- Can I use fireworks in my area?
- Am I wearing clothing that could easily catch fire?
- Do I know how to safely use fireworks?

#### **Ask Your Student:**

- Do you know what can happen if a minor is caught with fireworks?
- Do you know why it is illegal to use fireworks in certain areas?
- How can you safely use fireworks?

## WHERE TO REPORT



- Report fires and medical emergencies to 911!
- To report complaints regarding illegal use of fireworks, call non-emergency phone numbers:
  - Houston Police Department: 713-884-3131
  - Harris County Sheriff's Department: 713-221-6000

# PARTNERS & RESOURCES



- Houston Fire Department: Reports, Statistics, Safety & Public Education: houstontx.gov/fire
- Harris County Fire Marshal's Office: Responsible for ensuring buildings in Harris County are maintained to prevent fire and life safety hazards. Find details on the Fire Code, Annual reports, and Safety tips: https://www.hcfmo.net/Resources
- **Houston Public Library**: Find a plethora of electronic and physical media all related to fire safety for all members of the family. Visit <a href="houstonlibrary.org/home">houstonlibrary.org/home</a>

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