

SAFETY BULLETIN

TO: All Employees
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Firework Safety Guidelines

➔ Recommendations to help you enjoy your fireworks while minimizing the risk of an accident to yourself and others.

Use fireworks outdoors in approved areas only, and away from buildings and dry grassy areas.

Safety Tips

- Read the instructions carefully before attempting to light a firework.
- Do not throw burned out sparklers on the ground. The ***hot debris*** left over from the sparkler stay hot for an extended period.

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- Wear proper clothing whenever you use fireworks. This includes cotton or denim clothing, long pants, eye protection, covered shoes, and (if necessary) ear protection.
- Never drink alcoholic beverages when using fireworks.
- Keep fireworks away from open flames, including cigarettes. Do not smoke around fireworks.
- Do not buy illegal fireworks. Many of these devices contain explosive compounds that are sensitive to shock and friction.
- Never allow children to use fireworks without direct adult supervision. Children should be instructed on the safe use of fireworks before allowing them to participate.
- Never throw or toss fireworks at another person or animal.
- Use proper instruments for lighting fireworks, such as instant-on torches, safety flares, punk sticks, and other suitable tools that provide some distance between the fireworks device and the person that is lighting it.
- Never pick up unexploded fireworks. Never attempt to relight malfunctioning fireworks.
- Never put any part of your body over the top of any fireworks device. Light all fireworks at arm's length, and retire to a safe distance once the device has been ignited.
- Keep a bucket of water or a hose nearby to extinguish fires.
- Never light or hold lit fireworks in your hand or any other part of your body.

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