

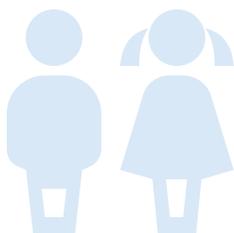
# FIREWORK INJURIES

## IN MONTANA



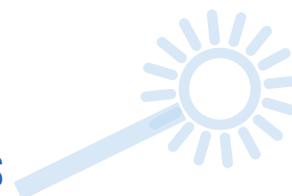
**33** PEOPLE ARE TREATED IN MONTANA HOSPITALS WITH FIREWORK-RELATED INJURIES AROUND THE 4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY EVERY YEAR

CHILDREN ARE **2.3** TIMES MORE LIKELY TO BE INJURED THAN ADULTS



**74%** OF PEOPLE INJURED BY FIREWORKS IN MONTANA ARE MALE

SPARKLERS CAN BURN AT **2,000** DEGREES (F) AND ARE THE NUMBER ONE CAUSE OF FIREWORK INJURIES  
according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission



### Locations of injuries



**29%** HEAD, NECK & EYES  
**53%** ARMS & HANDS  
**4%** TORSO  
**9%** LEGS  
**5%** OTHER

### safety tips



- Never allow **young children** to play with fireworks.
- Have a **bucket of water** or hose handy at all times.
- Always wear **safety goggles** when lighting fireworks.
- Buy only **consumer fireworks**. Avoid buying fireworks packaged in **brown paper** as these are made for **professional displays** and pose a danger to consumers.
- Use fireworks on **hard, flat, level** surfaces to prevent tipping over.  
Plywood makes a great **firing pad**.
- Do not light fireworks inside of **PVC pipe, metal or glass jars**, or any container that was not specifically designed for that purpose.
- Light fireworks with a **long-handled lighter, jumbo punk, or road flare**.
- Back up** at least 10 feet immediately after lighting a fuse.
- Never try to re-light fireworks that have not ignited. Wait 20 minutes then **douse with water**. Keep unused fireworks in a **closed box** so that falling sparks will not hit the fireworks inside.
- Never **point or throw** fireworks at another person
- Call **9-1-1** immediately if someone is injured from fireworks

### Types of injuries

