Montana Chronic Disease Prevention & Health Promotion Bureau

Firework Injuries in Montana

About **40** Montanans are treated in hospitals or emergency departments with firework-related injuries each year.

70% of firework injuries in Montana occur around the 4th of July!

Who is Injured?

All people who use or watch fireworks are at risk of injury.

Children were injured at a rate **2.4** times greater than adults.

Males were injured at a rate **2.7** times greater than females.

19% of firework injuries are due to **SPARKLERS,** according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

Safety Tips

Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks.

Always have an adult supervise fireworks activities.

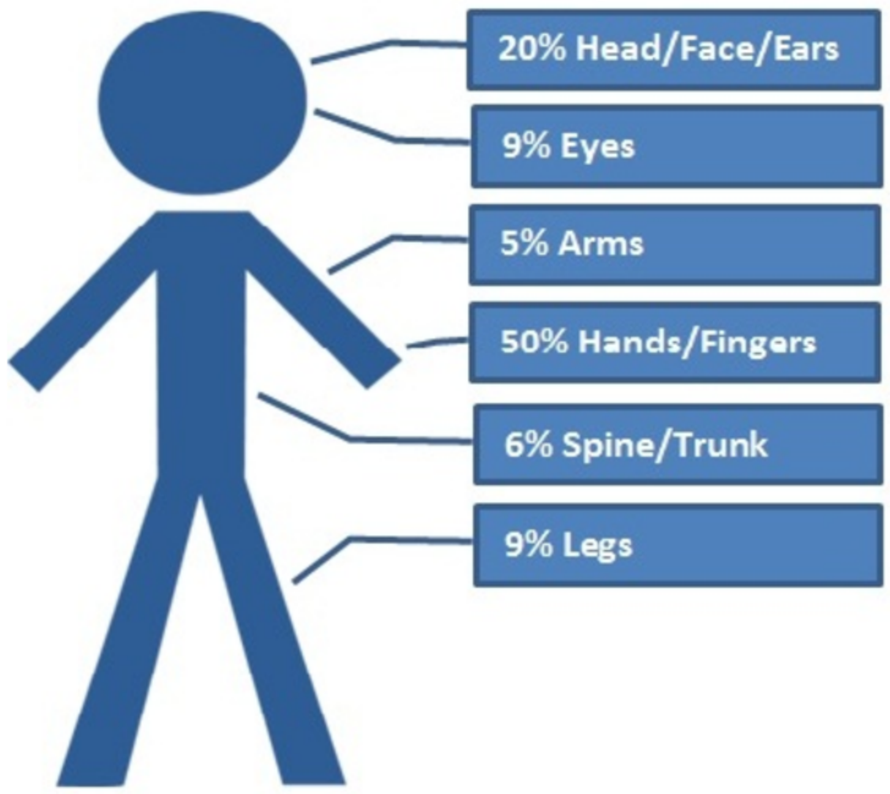
Make sure you, your kids, and others watch fireworks displays from a safe distance.

Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.

Call 911 immediately if someone is injured from fireworks.

Types and Locations of Firework Injuries

Locations of Injuries



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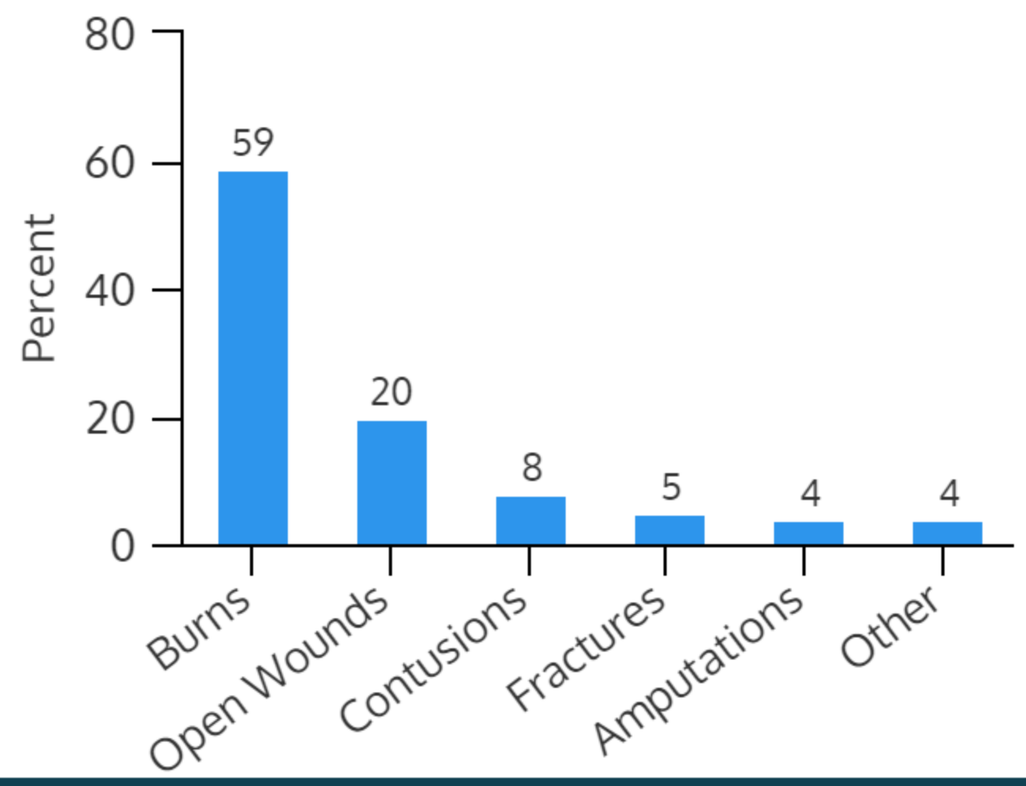

Hospital admissions and emergency department visits for firework-related injuries (ICD-9-CM Code E923.0) occurring from 2010 through 2013 were analyzed. Hospital discharge data is provided through the Montana Hospital Discharge Data System courtesy of the Montana Hospital Association.