

FIREWORK INJURIES

IN MONTANA

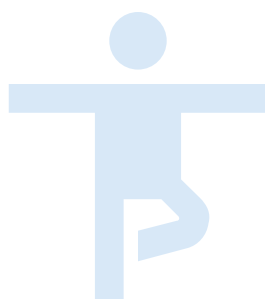
32 PEOPLE ARE TREATED IN MONTANA HOSPITALS WITH FIREWORK-RELATED INJURIES AROUND THE 4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY EVERY YEAR
1 IN 10 PEOPLE INJURED ARE OUT-OF-STATE RESIDENTS

CHILDREN ARE **2** TIMES MORE LIKELY TO BE INJURED THAN ADULTS

75% OF PEOPLE INJURED BY FIREWORKS IN MONTANA ARE MALE

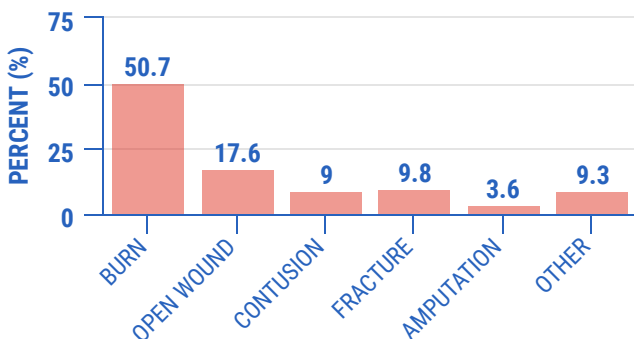
SPARKLERS CAN BURN AT **2,000** DEGREES (F) AND ARE THE NUMBER ONE CAUSE OF FIREWORK INJURIES
according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

Locations of injuries



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

Types of injuries



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** or jumbo **punk**.
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