



# Celebrate Safely Campaign Kit

## Fireworks Safety Campaign

### FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

#### Enjoy Your Independence Day Celebrations!

#### **Minimizing Fireworks Risk through Accountability and Responsibility:**

Don't overestimate your child's ability to use good judgment. Set family boundaries. Only adults should light fireworks. Children are naturally curious. Be sure fireworks and any matches and lighters are secured out of sight and reach of children. Be sure to discharge all fireworks devices so there are no leftovers to tempt curious children.

There are approximately 1,000 fireworks-related emergencies in Washington each year. We must all work together to reduce this tremendous loss through the responsible and safe use of fireworks.

#### **You May be Held Accountable:**

Remember, there may be legal consequences for any injuries or damages caused by the irresponsible use of fireworks. These consequences range from being charged with an infraction, a misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor, and/or felony. This does not include any civil or monetary penalties or claims.

#### **Take Responsibility:**

- Talk with family members and guests about the fireworks laws for your area. Laws restricting or banning the use of fireworks in cities and counties are listed on the fireworks web site.
- M80's, M100's, or Cherry Bombs are not fireworks—they are illegal explosive devices. They can cause amputations and other severe injuries. Their use or possession has legal consequences.

#### **Be Prepared...Before you Light Fireworks:**

- Use legal fireworks, available at licensed fireworks stands.
- Store fireworks out of children's reach.
- Keep pets safe indoors.
- Always keep a bucket of water handy.

#### **Be Safe...When Lighting Fireworks:**

- Only adults should light fireworks.
- Use outdoors only.
- Do not throw fireworks or hold in your hand.
- Protect your eyes.
- Light one firework at a time and move away quickly.
- Never relight a "dud".

#### **Be Responsible...After You Finish:**

- Soak used fireworks in water.
- Be considerate—clean up used fireworks.
- Keep matches and lighters away from children.



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