



## Fireworks Safety Tips and Facts

1. Consider safe alternatives to fireworks such as party poppers, bubbles, silly string, or glow sticks.
2. Never allow young children to handle fireworks.
3. Older children should use them only under close adult supervision.
4. Never use fireworks while impaired by drugs or alcohol.
5. Anyone using fireworks or standing nearby should wear protective clothing, eyewear, and gloves.
6. Presoak area before use of fireworks.
7. Never hold lighted fireworks in your hands.
8. Never light them indoors.
9. Only use them away from people, houses and flammable material.
10. Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
11. Only light one device at a time and maintain a safe distance after lighting.
12. Never ignite devices in a container.
13. Do not try to re-light or handle malfunctioning fireworks.
14. Keep a bucket of water, or water hose nearby to fully extinguish fireworks that don't go off or in case of fire.
15. Ditch faulty fireworks. Sometimes fireworks don't go off, but duds always pose a risk. The important thing to know is that you should never try to relight or approach a failed firework. Let duds sit for 5-10 minutes before you pick them up. Then place them in a bucket of water to soak for several hours. This can prevent injury from a delayed explosion and disarm the firework permanently so you can safely dispose of it.
16. Never use illegal fireworks.

**In addition to these tips, follow all manufacturer's guidelines for consumer safety and be sure to consult your state and local laws as private firework usage may be restricted in your area.**



# Facts

## **Sparklers Are Dangerous!!!**

Sparklers burn at about 2,000 degrees – hot enough to melt some metals. Sparklers can quickly ignite clothing, and children have received severe burns from dropping sparklers on their feet. According to the [National Fire Protection Association](#), sparklers alone account for more than 25% of emergency room visits for fireworks injuries. [For children under 5 years of age, sparklers accounted for nearly half of the total estimated injuries.](#)

[fireworks start an average of 18,500 fires each year](#), including 1,300 structure fires, 300 vehicle fires and nearly 17,000 other fires.

## **City of Skiatook Ordinance 6-4G-7 Section D**

1. The city council may, by order, resolution, or decree, authorize display and discharge of fireworks, including 1.3G, (class B) display fireworks, by properly qualified individuals or organizations when such display is deemed for the enjoyment of the populace at large and is conducted and located in such a manner and under circumstances that the council is satisfied that the discharge or firing thereof will not be hazardous to surrounding property or endanger any person or persons;
2. Private persons within the city limits may use or otherwise discharge permissible 1.4 G consumer fireworks (class c) only from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on July 3 and July 4, provided the following conditions are met:
  - a. Such fireworks must be discharged on a noncombustible surface of sufficient size to contain the entire ground portion of the display and not closer than 25 feet to any permanent structure. Except: It shall be unlawful to explode or ignite fireworks within 500 feet of any church, hospital, asylum, unharvested flammable agricultural crop, public school, or where fireworks are stored, sold, or offered for sale. No person shall ignite or



discharge any permissible articles of fireworks within or throw the same from a motor vehicle; nor shall any person place or throw any ignited article of fireworks into or at such a motor vehicle or at or near any group of people.

Have a safe and wonderful 4th of July!

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