

## Protect People, Property, Pets From Fireworks

Having a safe Fourth of July takes a few precautions and some common sense. Sparklers burn at approximately 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit. Clothing ignites at approximately 900 degrees Fahrenheit. Your fire department believes that people who know how, when, and where to use fireworks will reduce the number and severity of injuries and dollar loss.

**Note to Parents:** Actions by children under the age of 18 are the legal responsibility of parents. Misuse of fireworks causing death, injury, or property loss could incur civil liability.

**And for your pets:** The Humane Society encourages pet owners to keep their pets indoors and make sure their animals have identification tags in case they run away. Pets may refuse to eat, become hyperactive, or run away from home because of the noise from fireworks.

### Always

- Read and follow label directions.
- **Buy from reliable fireworks sellers.**
- **Ignite outdoors.**
- **Store in a cool, dry place.**
- **Have a responsible adult present.**
- **Have water or a fire extinguisher handy.**
- **Use fireworks outdoors, away from buildings and dry fields.**
- **Light one item at a time; move away quickly, and keep a safe distance.**
- **Dispose of used fireworks by first soaking them in water.**

### Never

- **Re-ignite malfunctioning fireworks.**
- **Give to small children.**
- **Carry fireworks in your pocket.**
- **Alter or experiment with fireworks.**
- **Discharge fireworks near flammable liquids or in a glass or metal container.**
- **Use fireworks in a crowd or throw them at people, pets, or moving vehicles.**