

Fireworks Cause Life Changing Injuries... Leave the Show to the Pros

For a list of fireworks shows in L.A. County, please visit our website:

www.fire.lacounty.gov

L.A. County Fire Dept. wants you to have a fun and safe July 4th. When celebrating our Country's Independence Day, please remember these safety tips:

- Sparklers can reach 2,000° F, hotter than a blow torch
- Thousands of fireworks injuries are treated in U.S. hospital emergency departments, often leaving permanent damage to eyes, hands, and face
- Over 50% of fireworks injuries occur with people under the age of 20 years old

DO

- Consider safer alternatives, such as glow sticks, confetti poppers, or colored streamers
- Observe your local & state laws
- Have a designated, sober adult light all legal fireworks
- Light one firework at a time & move away quickly
- Keep children and other observers at a safe distance –behind a protective barrier
- Store fireworks and matches/lighters out of children's reach
- Keep a bucket of water close for disposal of fireworks

DON'T

- Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks.
- Don't attempt to alter, modify, or relight fireworks
- Don't point or throw lit fireworks at anyone
- Don't allow children to pick up the spent fireworks -some may still be active
- Don't ever hold lit fireworks in your hand
- Don't consume alcohol or drugs when lighting fireworks
- Don't forget you can be held legally and financially liable for injuries caused by using fireworks

If a burn injury does happen...

- Cool the burn with COOL (not cold) water to stop the burning process
- Remove all clothing and jewelry from the injured area
- Cover the area with a dry clean sheet or loose bandages
- Seek medical attention