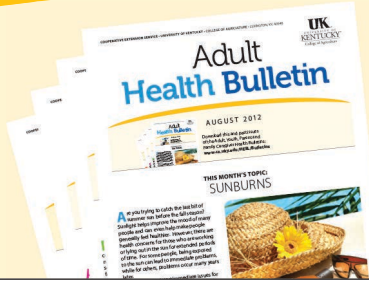


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THIS MONTH'S TOPIC: FIREWORKS SAFETY

It is common to have fireworks at your Fourth of July celebration. It is a tradition! Just remember that if you and your family choose to have fireworks, you want to make sure that safety is a top priority.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission reports that in 2012 there were almost 8,700 visits to the emergency room related to injuries from fireworks. Approximately 60 percent of these injuries happened in June and July. The most common injury was burns, occurring on the hands and fingers. Of the injuries that occurred, 74 percent involved males. The Consumer Product Safety Commission also notes that in 2012, 30 percent of fireworks related injuries



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involved children 14 years of age and younger.

The National Council on Fireworks Safety suggests these practical tips for using fireworks:

- Follow any local fireworks laws and regulations.
- Purchase fireworks from a credible source.
- Follow all directions on the fireworks.
- Designate **one** person who will light all fireworks.
- Do not let young children hold fireworks.
- Have a cleared place for lighting fireworks. It should be away from trees, cars and buildings.

A Fourth of July celebration with fireworks can be a lot of fun. But, if you and your family choose to have fireworks, you want to make sure that safety is a top priority.

- Have a bucket of water nearby and ready to use when you are lighting fireworks.
- If you get a firework that seems to be a “dud” **do not** relight. Wait 20 minutes before putting into the bucket of water.
- Put firework casings into water before putting them into the trash.

A Fourth of July celebration with fireworks can be a lot of fun. Just remember to celebrate in a safe manner so that all can enjoy the fun. Following the tips above will help you and your family to have a safe celebration.

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