United States
Consumer Product Safety Commission

Fireworks
Injuries & Deaths
2021 REPORT

#CelebrateSafely

Fireworks Safety Tips

★ Never allow children to play with or ignite fireworks, including sparklers.
★ Make sure fireworks are legal in your area before buying or using them.
★ Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishap.
★ Light fireworks one at a time, then move back quickly.
★ Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.
★ Never use fireworks while impaired by alcohol or drugs.
★ More Fireworks Safety Tips: cpsc.gov/fireworks

How & When Injuries Occurred

2021 Injuries by Firework Type

- 1500 Firecrackers
- 1100 Sparklers

74% of injuries occurred in the weeks before & after the July 4th holiday

Most Injured Body Parts

- 32% burns
- 14% Eyes
- 21% Head, Face, & Ears
- 31% Hands & Fingers
- 34% Other (Legs, Trunk, Arms)


Spike in Fireworks Injuries over the Last 15 Years

- 25% increase in fireworks injuries between 2006 & 2021
- 11,500 people treated in ERs for fireworks injuries in 2021

Deaths from Fireworks

- 6 in 2018
- 20 in 2019 (During pandemic lockdown)
- 26 in 2020
- 9 in 2021