



Genesee County Health Department

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RE: Fireworks Injuries

During the period around the July 4th holiday, around 200 people go to the emergency room every day with fireworks-related injuries. The Genesee County Health Department is advising residents to protect themselves and their families from fireworks injuries.

Genesee County residents are encouraged to follow these tips to stay safe when around fireworks:

- Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks.
- Avoid buying fireworks that are packaged in brown paper because this is often a sign that the fireworks were made for professional displays and that they could pose a danger to consumers.
- Always have an adult supervise fireworks activities. Parents don't realize that young children suffer injuries from sparklers. Sparklers burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees - hot enough to melt some metals.
- Never place any part of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse.
- Light fireworks one at a time, then back up quickly to a safe distance immediately after lighting fireworks.
- Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishap.
- Never carry fireworks in a pocket or shoot them off in metal or glass containers.
- After fireworks complete their burning, douse the spent device with plenty of water from a bucket or hose before discarding it to prevent a fire.

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The Genesee County Health Department urges residents to be aware of fireworks-related injuries and play it safe. Our motto is “Better Life through Better Health.” For more health and safety information visit our website at www.gchd.us or the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission website at www.cpsc.gov/fireworks.

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