



There is no such thing as **safe** fireworks.

The best way to protect your family is to not use any fireworks at home. Fireworks can cause serious injury. Instead, attend public fireworks displays and leave the lighting to the professionals.

However, if you are lighting sparklers or planning an eye-catching display, here are a few quick tips to keep in mind before you celebrate with fireworks.

Keep it legal.

The majority of injuries sustained from fireworks result from illegal fireworks. Avoid fireworks packaged in brown paper (that indicates it is for commercial display not intended for consumer use). Make sure to follow the exact instructions given on how and where to light each device.

New Restrictions on When Fireworks can be Used:

An amendment to a City ordinance restricts the use of fireworks to **the day before, the day of, and the day after national holidays. Fireworks are not allowed on any day between the hours of midnight and 8 a.m., except New Year's Day, when fireworks are not allowed between 1 a.m. and 8 a.m.**

Be Extra Careful.

Avoid letting little children hold sparklers, which can heat up to 1,200 degrees. Closely supervise children around fireworks at all times. Do not wear loose clothing while using fireworks.

Keep water close.

Always have a bucket of water nearby in case of an emergency.

As an extra precaution, douse burned fireworks with water before discarding them in the trash.

Choose a safe spot.

Never shoot off fireworks indoors, near houses or dry grass and brush. Be sure to pick an open area with a flat, hard surface. Point fireworks away from homes, and keep away from flammable substances.

Keep away.

Once you've lit the fuse, back up immediately and maintain a safe distance. If your firework doesn't do what it's supposed to do, douse it with water. Do not attempt to retrieve or reignite fireworks that do not light properly.

For more information, visit www.detroitmi.gov/safe-fireworks

Light up the night ... and stay safe.

