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SIP TIP: ANNUAL SAFE FIREWORKS NOTICE

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In Ohio, sparklers, trick noisemakers, and novelties are exempt from state law and permitted for general use. For a more thorough overview of a particular state law from the National Council on Fireworks Safety, go to www.fireworksafety.com, click on "State Laws" on the left of the page, and then on the state of your interest. For more information, contact the local authorities in your area.

It may also be a good time to review company policies for bringing these products onto jobsites (even if it's just in their trucks for the day) and also review first aid for burns (no butter, please) and emergency action plans just in case. Remember kids love fire works but usually underestimate the potential hazard.

Tips on Choosing Safe Fireworks

It is extremely important to know the difference between a legal consumer firework and a dangerous explosive device. Items such as M-80s, M-100s and blockbusters are not fireworks, they are federally banned explosives. They can cause serious injury or even death. Stay away from anything that isn't clearly labeled with the name of the item, the manufacturer's name and instructions for proper use. Here are some more tips to help ensure a safe Fourth of July:

- Always read and follow label directions.
- Have an adult present.
- Buy from reliable sellers.
- Use outdoors only.
- Always have water handy (a garden hose and a bucket).
- Never experiment or make your own fireworks.
- Light only one firework at a time.
- Never re-light a "dud" firework (wait 15 to 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water).
- Never give fireworks to small children.
- If necessary, store fireworks in a cool, dry place.
- Dispose of fireworks properly by soaking them in water and then disposing of them in your trashcan.
- Never throw or point fireworks at other people.
- Never carry fireworks in your pocket.
- Never shoot fireworks in metal or glass containers.
- The shooter should always wear eye protection and never have any part of the body over the firework.
- Stay away from illegal explosives.

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REMINDER: HAVE A SAFE 4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY AND WATCH YOUR KIDS!