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**SIP TIP: USE FIREWORKS SAFELY**

The National Council on Fireworks wants every American to have a safe Fourth of July. Most of the reported fireworks related injuries can be avoided. Let's educate the public on the safe and responsible use of fireworks, so as to eliminate injuries.

Please treat fireworks with respect, read all of the cautions and warnings and use common sense. Lighting fireworks indoors, throwing them from automobiles and lighting multiple devices at the same time can lead to accidents and are not how fireworks are intended to be used. Always obey all local laws pertaining to the use of fireworks.

If you see someone misusing fireworks, stop them. Show them the correct way to use consumer fireworks and do not ever use professional fireworks or illegal explosives. Do your part and everyone will be safer.

A few reminders for you this season.....

- Use fireworks and sparklers only outdoors.
- Only persons over 12 years of age should handle sparklers of any type. Too many young people get burned by sparklers every year. By keeping sparklers out of the hands of youngsters, we can reduce these injury rates.
- Obey local laws. If fireworks are not legal where you are, don't use them. If drought conditions call for a ban on fireworks, follow the law.
- Only use fireworks as intended. Don't try to alter them or combine them.
- Fireworks and alcohol do not mix. Have a designated "shooter."
- When all else fails, use common sense. Respect fireworks and sparklers as the great American tradition they are, but also respect the fact that they must be used with caution.



Source: National Council on Fireworks Safety

**REMINDER: HAVE A SAFE 4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY AND WATCH THE KIDS!**