



# City of Beverly Hills Fire Department



## Fireworks Awareness

### Fireworks Prohibited:

**According to the Beverly Hills Municipal Code 5601.1.3 Fireworks Prohibited.** No person shall manufacture, store, offer for sale or discharge any fireworks in the city.

### Definition:

“Fireworks “ Means any device containing chemical elements and chemical compounds capable of burning independently of the oxygen of the atmosphere and producing audible, visual, mechanical , or thermal effects which are useful as pyrotechnic devices or for entertainment.

### NFPA Fireworks Facts:

- In 2018, fireworks cause an estimated 19,500 reported fires in the U.S., including 1,900 structure fires, 500 vehicle fires, and 17,100 outside and other fires. These fires caused 5 deaths, 46 civilian injuries, and \$105 million in direct property damage.
- In 2018, U.S. hospital emergency rooms saw an estimated 9,100 people for fireworks related injuries.
- Studies showed that injuries mostly occurred from firecrackers (26%), rockets (21%) and sparklers (11%).
- Children ages 10-14 had the highest rate of fireworks injury, with more than one-third (36%) of the victims of fireworks injuries under age 15.
- Half of injuries were to the extremities and (34%) were to eye and other parts of the head.
- Data from the United States Eye Injury Registry shows that bystanders are more often injured by fireworks than the operator themselves.

### Did You Know:

- Parents are liable for any damages or injuries caused by their children using fireworks which also can include state or local penalty fee's.
- Sparklers burn at 1200 degrees fahrenheit. To put this in perspective, glass melts at 900 degrees fahrenheit. So imagine what it can do to skin!
- Brush, grass, or forest fires accounted for three of every five (59 percent) of fireworks fires.
- Many fireworks-related injuires were caused by fireworks that are legal in most states.

## FIRE PREVENTION



If you would not allow your child to play with matches, why would you let your child play with a device that can heat up to 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit. Remember that sparklers account for about half the injuries to children, more frequently than any other firework device.

Sparklers account for roughly one-quarter of ER firework injuries.



Be safe. If you want to see fireworks, go to a public show put on by experts.