



Backyard or neighbourhood fireworks displays can be extremely hazardous.

The Facts About Fireworks Safety

Instead, attend a professional fireworks display hosted by your municipality and have a safe and enjoyable holiday.



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Key Messages:

To minimize the risk of fire and burn injury, the fire service recommends attending public fireworks displays hosted by your municipality or other responsible organization. If you choose to have family fireworks or an informal neighbourhood display, follow these safety tips:



- ✓ **Appoint a responsible person to be in charge.**
- ✓ **Carefully read and follow the label directions on fireworks' packaging.**
- ✓ **Always keep a water hose or pail of water close by when discharging fireworks.**
- ✓ **Discharge fireworks well away from combustible materials such as buildings, trees and dry grass.**
- ✓ **Keep onlookers a safe distance away, upwind from the area where fireworks are discharged.**
- ✓ **Light one firework at a time. Never light a firework in your hand or re-light dud fireworks.**
- ✓ **Discharge fireworks only if wind conditions do not create a safety hazard.**
- ✓ **Keep sparklers away from children. As the sparkler wire remains hot for some minutes after burnout, it should be immediately soaked in water to avoid injury.**
- ✓ **If someone gets burned, run cool water over the burn for three to five minutes.**



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Fact

The fire service does not recommend family fireworks or informal neighbourhood displays.

