



## **Fireworks Safety**

Every year Enumclaw Fire Department/KCFD #28 and other local agencies respond to 911 calls for firework related injuries. With simple safety measures, these accidents can be prevented!

### **Fireworks safety**

Please take the following precautions with all fireworks:

- Use only approved and legal fireworks from licensed retailers.
- Always have a responsible adult light all fireworks.
- Do not allow children to light off fireworks!!
- Use fireworks outside only, away from buildings, houses, trees, and dry fields.
- Before lighting off fireworks, please make sure the vegetation (shrubs, grass, etc.) is trimmed to a minimum to eliminate a fire hazard.
- Have an available water source nearby at all times; hose (turned on), 5 gallon bucket of water, and an ABC extinguisher.
- Use eye protection.
- Light one item at a time, move away quickly, and keep a safe distance away.
- Ensure used fireworks are extinguished by soaking them in water.
- If a device does not light or fire, an adult should wait a minimum of fifteen minutes before approaching the device. NEVER try to relight a dud firework!
- Remember, if it has a stick or fins and it goes up or if it blows up, it is illegal in Washington State.
- Choose to view a professional firework display instead of lighting off fireworks at home.
- Keep pets indoors.

### **Sparklers: Not Such A Bright Idea**

Fireworks can be fun and young kids can look adorable holding sparklers. Unfortunately, their little arms are too short to hold sparklers, which can heat up to 1,200 degrees, causing severe burns to the skin. Instead, offer young children glow sticks. They can be just as fun but they don't burn at a temperature hot enough to melt glass!

**Please stay safe this 4th of July!**