



## Fireworks and Safety

There is much that can be done to protect children and the public from fireworks injuries. First set family rules. Only adults should light fireworks. Second, fireworks should not be available to tempt young children, and should be stored in a secured location to prohibit their access. Third, check for additional restrictions in your area. Most importantly, talk about safety. Summer weather conditions make grass and other vegetation dry and vulnerable to fire. Use care in selecting the area where you will be discharging fireworks.

Talk to your kids about fireworks and safety. Teach your family about the following three B's:

### **BEFORE LIGHTING FIREWORKS -"Be Prepared!"**

Purchase only legal fireworks available at licensed stands. Purchase only the quantity that you will use. Ensure the safety of pets. Keep a bucket of water nearby in which to place all used fireworks. Have a water hose or fire extinguisher nearby to put out stray sparks. Clear a level area away from things that can burn, including all structures. Know the emergency number to call for your area, your address/location, and basic first aid. Teach your children to "stop, drop, cover, and roll" if their clothes catch on fire.

### **WHEN LIGHTING FIREWORKS -"Be Safe!"**

Only adults should light fireworks. Use eye protection, such as safety goggles. Light one at a time and move away quickly. Keep spectators at a safe distance. Use only outdoors, away from anything that can burn. To prevent injuries, follow the directions on the package label carefully. Be considerate of your neighbors, family, pets, and the environment.

### **WHEN FINISHED-"Be Responsible!"**

Clean up **all** debris when finished. Duds can be dangerous; if a fireworks item does not light or fire, an adult should wait at least fifteen minutes, approach it carefully, and place it in a bucket of water. Make sure unused fireworks, matches and lighters are out of sight and reach of children.

#### **Sparklers-Not Such A Bright Idea...**

We know fireworks can be fun and young kids often look adorable holding sparklers. Unfortunately, little arms are too short to hold sparklers, which can heat up to **1,200 degrees**. How about this: Let your young children use glow sticks instead. They can be just as fun but they don't burn at a temperature hot enough to melt glass.

**Fireworks purchased at a stand within the city limits are legal. Fireworks that are purchased on the reservation are illegal, unlawful, and unsafe!  
They cannot be lit off or used off of the reservation.**

**Due to the extreme safety hazard that illegal fireworks pose, Enumclaw Fire Department in conjunction with Enumclaw Police Department will enforce the law in and around the 4th of July.**