

FIREWORKS

SAFETY TIPS

from the American Society for Surgery of the Hand



WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT

fireworks

Did you know that fireworks burn at greater than **1,000 degrees Fahrenheit**?

If not used properly, fireworks can cause serious burns and other injuries, which can result in:

- Extensive scarring
- Hospitalization
- Surgeries
- Amputation of the hand

follow these SAFETY TIPS

In 2016, sparklers alone caused a reported **1,300 hand and finger injuries**, contributing to a total of **11,000 fireworks injuries**. Don't let it happen to you! Follow these important safety tips while using fireworks.

Tip #1

Never consume drugs or alcohol when using fireworks.

Tip #2

Do not allow children to handle fireworks.

Tip #3

Always wear eye protection when using flammable material.

Tip #4

Never hold a firework that is not meant to be held.

Tip #5

Light only one firework at a time, and only light them outdoors, never in the direction of a person.

Tip #6

Never relight a firework that does not go off. Wait 20 minutes and then place it in a bucket of water.

WHAT TO DO if you're injured

If you seriously injure yourself while using fireworks, **visit the emergency room immediately!** You can also make an appointment with a hand surgeon. Hand surgeons can treat a variety of injuries to the fingers, hand, wrist arm and shoulder.

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