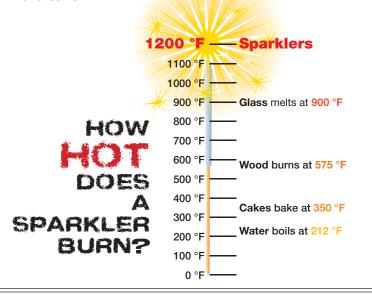


FIREWORKS are often used to mark special events and holidays. The only safe way to view fireworks is to attend a professional show. It is important to know that **fireworks are not safe in the hands of consumers**. Fireworks cause thousands of injuries each year.

## A few ideas to get into the patriotic spirit, without fireworks:

- 1. Use glow sticks, they glow in the dark and are a safe alternative to a sparkler. Fun for all ages.
- 2. Loud and proud. Noise makers are sure to make a statement. They can be found at local party supply stores or make your own.
- Outdoor movie night. Set up a screen and projector. Don't forget the bugspray!
- 4. Red, white and blue silly string...fun for all ages.
- 5. Make a patriotic craft with the family.
- **6.** Throw a birthday party for the USA, and don't forget the cake.



## **FACTS**

- !) More than 19,500 reported fires are started by fireworks annually.
- ! Burns account for 44% of the 9,100 injuries treated in emergency rooms seen in the month around July 4.
- ! Half of the fireworks injuries seen at emergency rooms were extremities: hand, finger, or leg. One-third were to the eye or other parts of the head.
- 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.
- ! Sparklers account for roughly one-quarter of emergency room fireworks injuries.

Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) 2018 Fireworks Annual Report



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