FIREWORKS

SAFETY TIPS

from the American Society for Surgery of the Hand



WHAT **TO KNOW ABOUT**

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

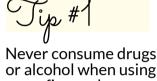
If not used properly, fireworks can cause serious burns and other injuries, which can result in:

• Extensive scarring

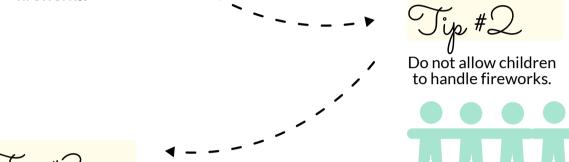
- Hospitalization
- Surgeries
- · Amputation of the hand

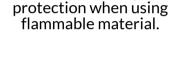


In 2016, sparklers alone caused a reported 1,300 hand and finger injuries, contributing to a total of 11,000 fireworks injuries. Don't let it happen to you! Follow these important safety tips while using fireworks.



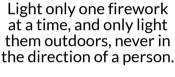
fireworks.





Always wear eye

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



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lip#6 Never relight a firework that does not go off. Wait 20 minutes and then place it in



If you seriously injure yourself while using fireworks, visit the emergency room immediately! You can also

make an appointment with a hand

a bucket of water.

surgeon. Hand surgeons can treat a variety of injuries to the fingers, hand, wrist arm and shoulder.

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