



**4th
of
JULY**

Fireworks Safety

The July 4th Holiday is filled with parades, bbq's & fireworks. Know the risks associated with fireworks & stay safe with these fireworks safety tips. If you sustain an eye injury, please contact an eye doctor right away!

Safety Tips

Always read & follow label instructions.

Responsible adults should supervise fireworks & don't give to small children.

Use fireworks outdoors- away from people, buildings & vehicles.

Wear protective eye wear.

Light one firework at a time & never throw fireworks at another person.

Have water available, a bucket full & a water hose nearby.

Never carry fireworks in your pocket or shoot fireworks into metal or glass.

Never relight a "dud" firework & dispose of fireworks properly.

What to do for a Firework Eye Injury

Seek medical attention immediately.

Do not rub, rinse or apply pressure to your eyes.

Do not remove any objects in the eye.

Do not apply ointments or take any blood thinning medications.

2016 Firework Injury Facts

11,100 injuries were reported & treated in emergency rooms

68% of the firework injuries were between June 18 & July 18

31% of the injuries were to children younger than 15

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Sources:
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