



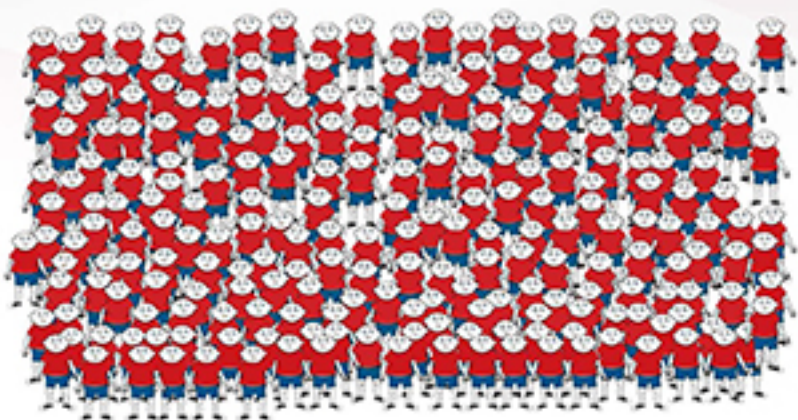
**FIREWORKS**

**SAFETY**



# Fireworks Injuries

**240** people on average go to the emergency room every day with fireworks-related injuries in the month around the July 4th holiday.



## Fireworks Safety Tips

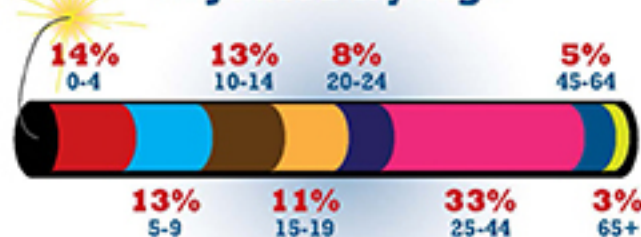
- ★ Never allow **children** to play with or ignite fireworks.
- ★ **Never** try to **re-light** or **pick up** fireworks that have not ignited fully.
- ★ Keep a **bucket of water** or a **garden hose** handy in case of fire or other mishap.
- ★ Make sure fireworks are **legal** in your area before buying or using them.
- ★ Light fireworks **one at a time**, then **move back** quickly.
- ★ More Fireworks Safety Tips – [www.cpsc.gov/fireworks](http://www.cpsc.gov/fireworks)

## Injuries by Fireworks Type\*



\*These percents do not account for how many products are used.

## Injuries by Age





## Recommended Safety Tips

- Obey all local laws regarding the use of fireworks.
- Know your fireworks; read the cautionary labels and performance descriptions before igniting.
- A responsible adult SHOULD supervise all firework activities. Never give fireworks to children.
- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix. Save your alcohol for after the show.
- Wear safety glasses when shooting fireworks.
- Light one firework at a time and then quickly move away.
- Use fireworks OUTDOORS in a clear area; away from buildings and vehicles.
- Never relight a “dud” firework. Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.
- Always have a bucket of water and charged water hose nearby.
- Never carry fireworks in your POCKET or shoot them into METAL or GLASS containers.
- Do not experiment with homemade fireworks.
- Dispose of spent fireworks by wetting them down and place in a metal trash can away from any building or combustible materials until the next day.
- FAA regulations PROHIBIT the possession and transportation of fireworks in your checked baggage or carry-on luggage.
- Report illegal explosives, like M-80s and quarter sticks, to the fire or police department.

### **And let's not forget the safety of our pets!**

- Don't bring your pets to a fireworks display, even a small one.
- If fireworks are being used near your home, put your pet in a safe, interior room to avoid exposure to the sound.
- Make sure your pet has an identification tag, in case it runs off during a fireworks display.
  - Never shoot fireworks of any kind (consumer fireworks, sparklers, fountains, etc.) near pets.

## TOWN OF NORTH YARMOUTH FIREWORKS ORDINANCE

### Section 1. Title and Authority.

This ordinance shall be known as the “Town of North Yarmouth Fireworks Ordinance.” It is adopted pursuant to the enabling provisions of the Maine Constitution, the provisions of 30-A M.R.S.A. § 3001, and the provisions of 8 M.R.S.A. § 223-A

### Section 2. Definitions in accordance with 8 MRSA 221-A, sub 1-A.

Consumer Fireworks. “Consumer fireworks” has the same meaning as in 27 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 555.11 or subsequent provision, but includes only products that are tested and certified by a 3<sup>rd</sup>-party testing laboratory as confirming with United States Consumer Product Safety Commission standards, in accordance with 15 United States Code, Chapter 47. “Consumer fireworks” does not include the following products:

- A. Missile-type rockets, as defined by the State Fire Marshal by rule;
- B. Helicopters and aerial spinners, as defined by the state Fire Marshal by rule; and
- C. Sky rockets and bottle rockets. For purposes of this paragraph, “sky rockets and bottle rockets” means cylindrical tubes containing not more than 20 grams of chemical composition, as defined by the State Fire Marshal by rule, with a wooden stick attached for guidance and stability that rise into the air upon ignition and that may produce a burst of color or sound at or near the height of flight.

Fireworks. “Fireworks” means any:

- A. Combustible or explosive composition or substance;
- B. Combination of explosive compositions or substances;
- C. Other article that was prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or audible effect by combustion, explosion, deflagration or detonation, including blank cartridges or toy cannons in which explosives are used, the type of balloon that requires fire underneath to propel it, firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrockets, roman candles, bombs, rockets, wheels, colored fires, fountains, mines, serpents and other fireworks of like construction;
- D. Fireworks containing any explosive or flammable compound; or
- E. Tablets or other device containing any explosive substance or flammable compounds.

The term “fireworks” does not include consumer fireworks or toy pistols, toy canes, toy guns or other devices in which paper caps or plastic caps containing 25/100 grains or less of explosive compound are used if they are constructed so that the hand cannot come in contact with the cap when in place for the explosion, toy pistol paper caps or plastic caps that contain less than 20/100 grains of explosive mixture, sparklers that do not contain magnesium chlorates or perchlorates or signal, antique or replica cannons if no projectile is fired.

**Section 3. Sales Prohibited.**

No person or group may sell, possess with the intent to sell or offer for sale consumer fireworks or fireworks.

**Section 4. Use Prohibited.**

No person or group of persons shall use, display, fire or cause to be exploded fireworks or any of said items enumerated in Section 38-101 “Consumer Fireworks.”

**Section 5. Fireworks Display.**

A fireworks display requires a permit from the Maine Commissioner of Public Safety or his or her designee under the provisions of 8 M.R.S.A. §§ 221 – 237, and particularly section 227-A. The Fire Chief, or his or her designee, shall inspect the proposed display site at the time of the inspection conducted by a representative of the Maine Public Safety Department under 8 M.R.S.A. § 227-A(2).

**Section 6. Use Prohibited Within Fifty Feet of Public Way.**

No person shall use, display, throw, drop or cause to be discharged or exploded, any consumer fireworks or fireworks at any time, within fifty feet of any public way.

**Section 7. Civil Penalties.**

Whoever violates any of the provisions of the foregoing Sections shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) per day and not more than twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500) per day, plus attorney’s fees and costs.

ADOPTED: October 18, 2011