

SAFETY SPOTLIGHT

FIREWORKS SAFETY

As we celebrate summer holidays, fireworks are often a highlight of the season. While fireworks are **not encouraged for school-sponsored events or use on campus**, some sites may coordinate with their city or local agencies to host a professional fireworks display.



The **safest way to enjoy fireworks** is by attending a **professional, city-sanctioned fireworks show**. These events are managed by trained experts and held in controlled environments. Check your local city or county website for scheduled displays and community events.

If you choose to use personal fireworks at home, follow these important safety tips and always comply with [local laws and ordinances](#), which may vary by city:

Use only legal fireworks: They should have the manufacturer's name, the words "*Class C Common Fireworks*," and a clear warning label.

Know your local laws: Many California cities and counties **prohibit or restrict** personal fireworks—even those labeled "Safe and Sane." Check with your local fire department or city government before purchasing or using any fireworks.

Keep children safe: More than half of all fireworks injuries involve children. Never allow children to handle or light fireworks, including sparklers. Always supervise children around any firework activity.

Stay prepared:

- ❖ Use fireworks **outdoors only**, in a **clear, level area** away from dry grass, brush, or flammable materials.
- ❖ Have a **bucket of water** ready to soak used fireworks.
- ❖ Keep a **hose or fire extinguisher** nearby in case of fire.

Practice smart handling:

- ❖ Light one firework at a time, then move away quickly.
- ❖ Never relight a dud—wait 5 minutes, soak it in water, and dispose safely.
- ❖ Wear **eye protection** and secure loose clothing or long hair.
- ❖ Avoid alcohol if you are handling fireworks.

Use sparklers with caution: These can cause severe burns and reach temperatures above 1,200°F. Hold sparklers away from your body, light them one at a time, and immediately place used sparklers in water.

To find a **safe and legal fireworks show near you**, visit your **city or county government website**, local parks and recreation department, or local newspaper event listings.

Resource link: <https://readyforwildfire.org/prevent-wildfire/fireworks-safety/>

Please contact your ASCIP Risk Services Consultant or our Risk Services team at RM_Info@ascip.org for questions or to discuss further.

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