



# FireWorks Safety Tips

NO KIDDING SAFETY TIPS

Here are some great safty tips from the Duck Sparklers



Never use a sparkler in the middle of a large crowd. Never throw a sparkler. Never run with a sparkler. Would you do those things with a welding torch? A sparkler is almost as hot.

Put spent sparklers in a bucket of water. Hand held sparklers burn at 1800 degrees Fahrenheit, that's almost hot enough to melt gold, and they stay hot long after the spark has gone out.

Keep sparklers well away from hair and clothing (and plush toys!) The sparks can start fires. Keep a second bucket of water handy to quickly douse a fire if it starts. Remember general fire safety tips such as, "Drop and roll."

Never let young children use sparklers, and even older ones need adult supervision. Every 4th of July hospital emergency rooms see large numbers of preschool age children severely injured by ordinary sparklers.

Don't let kids handle lighters or matches, light the sparklers for them. Or have them light off of other sparklers, a good option since it can be done at arm's length.

Here's our advice about using actual fireworks: Don't!

Even if some fireworks are legal in your area they are still extremely dangerous. Researching this page and reading about injuries, I could come to only one conclusion - Leave fireworks to the professionals! A professional fireworks display can't be equaled, and it's worth camping out all day to treat yourself to a really nice when you can, even if it's not every year. For more Fourth of July information and Fire Safety sites see the Links. Be careful out there!



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