



City of Beverly Hills Fire Department



Fireworks Awareness

Fireworks Prohibited:

According to the Beverly Hills Municipal Code 5601.1.3 Fireworks Prohibited. No person shall manufacture, store, offer for sale or discharge any fireworks in the city.

Definition:

“Fireworks “ Means any device containing chemical elements and chemical compounds capable of burning independently of the oxygen of the atmosphere and producing audible, visual, mechanical , or thermal effects which are useful as pyrotechnic devices or for entertainment.

NFPA Fireworks Facts:

- In 2013, fireworks cause an estimated 15,600 reported fires in the U.S., including 1,400 structure fires, 200 vehicle fires, and 14,000 outside and other fires.
- More than one-quarter (28%) of fires started in 2009-2013 were reported on Independence Day. Almost half (47%) of reported fires on the 4th of July were started by fireworks.
- In 2014, U.S. hospital emergency rooms saw an estimated 10,500 people for fireworks related injuries.
- Studies showed that injuries mostly occurred from firecrackers (26%), rockets (21%) and sparklers (11%).
- Among the different types of fireworks, sparklers were associated with the greatest number of injuries at 1,500, followed by firecrackers at 1,000.
- More than one-third (36%) of the fireworks injuries in 2014 were to hands and fingers. One in five (19%) were eye injuries . An additional (19%) were to other parts of the head.
- Data from the United States Eye Injury Registry shows that bystanders are more often injured by fireworks than the operator themselves.

Did You Know:

- Parents are liable for any damages or injuries caused by their children using fireworks which also can include state or local penalty fee's.
- Adults can be faced with imprisonment and up to \$1,000 fines.

FIRE PREVENTION



If you would not allow your child to play with matches, why would you let your child play with a device that can heat up to 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit. Remember that sparklers account for about half the injuries to children, more frequently than any other firework device.

Sparklers account for roughly one-quarter of ER firework injuries.



Be safe. If you want to see fireworks, go to a public show put on by experts.