



# Fireworks Safety

## *Use of Fireworks is NOT Recommended By Kanawha Emergency Management*

Leave the use of fireworks to the professionals. Attend public sponsored fireworks displays.

Estimated 11,100 firework related Emergency Room visits during 2016, 68% during June 18 –July 18 (Source [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov)), 68% male, 39 % female

4 reported fatalities from non-professional fire work use

33% of reported injuries to fingers/hands, 20% to head, face, and ears

***If you choose to use fireworks, please pay attention to the following safety tips:***

Check your local areas for ordinances about firework use

Use them in compliance with the manufacturer's instructions

DO NOT ALLOW young children to play with or ignite fireworks

Make sure you have a water supply available in case something should catch fire

Fireworks should not be used by juveniles without parental guidance

Do not hold explosive fireworks in your hand. Sparklers burn at temperatures of about 2000 degrees (hot enough to melt some metals)

Never place your body over a firework when lighting the fuse.

DO NOT RELIGHT or PICK UP ANY FIREWORK THAT DID NOT GO OFF

DO NOT point or through any firework at an another human or animal

Light fireworks one at a time then move a safe distance away

Douse fireworks after they have completed the burning process with plenty of water.

DO NOT mix firework usage and alcohol

