

# 4<sup>th</sup> of JULY Safety

## Be Safe – Use Caution With Fireworks

Fireworks and celebrations go together, especially during the Fourth of July. But fireworks can be dangerous, causing serious burn and eye injuries. To help you celebrate safely this Fourth of July, the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the National Council on Fireworks Safety offer the following safety tips:

- 1) Always read and follow label directions.
- 2) Have an adult present.
- 3) Buy from reliable sellers.
- 4) Use outdoors only.
- 5) Always have water handy.
- 6) Never experiment or make your own fireworks.
- 7) Light only one firework at a time.
- 8) Never re-light a "dud" firework (wait 15 to 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water).
- 9) Never give fireworks to small children.
- 10) If necessary, store fireworks in a cool, dry place.
- 11) Dispose of fireworks properly by soaking them in water and then disposing of them in your trash can.
- 12) Never throw or point fireworks at other people.
- 13) Never carry fireworks in your pocket.
- 14) Never shoot fireworks in metal or glass containers.
- 15) The shooter should always wear eye protection and never have any part of the body over the firework.
- 16) Stay away from illegal explosives.



## Be Smart – Don't Drink & Drive

Aside from legal consequences of drinking and driving in the form of a ticket or loss of license, impaired

driving can result in property damage, injury or even death.

With this in mind, we would all like to remind you to be smart when drinking. Drink in moderation and monitor the amount of alcohol you have consumed. Designate a sober driver at the beginning of the night and give that person the keys. If no one is capable of driving, have some money ready for a taxi ride home. If you are drinking at a friend's home, ask for a place to sleep until you are sober. By staying at a friend's house, you will limit their liability in the event of your accident and keep a potentially unsafe driver off the road. When you go for your next drink, just remember that you're not the only one that may pay for the consequences for your decisions.

**Don't Drink,**  
if You're Driving.

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