Environmental Health and Safety

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Fireworks Safety

Lighting fireworks is a fun way to celebrate summer events, but they are also very dangerous. It is important to take the proper precautions and know how to safely handle fireworks before igniting them. The following tips will help you learn how to stay safe while having fun with fireworks.

Protect Children

- It is never safe for young children to ignite or play with fireworks.
- Older children should only handle fireworks under close supervision.
- Adults must always be present to supervise firework activities. Many children suffer injuries from sparklers and other small fireworks.



Where to Light Fireworks

- Light fireworks outdoors in a clear area that is a safe distance away from:
 - Onlookers
 - ♦ Houses
 - ♦ Trees
- Learn about safety zones and fallout zones for each type of firework.
- The safety zone depends on several factors of the firework:
 - Type
 - ♦ Power
 - ♦ Classification

Resources

Fireworks Information Center

Fireworks Safety Tips

Using Fireworks Safely

Legal Use of Fireworks in Vancouver, WA

Safety Distances for Different Types of Fireworks

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