



# Summer Safe Kids

## **FIREWORKS SAFETY**

Safe Kids Connecticut wants families to have a safe Fourth of July weekend. The best way to enjoy the dazzle of fireworks is at a community-sanctioned, licensed event. Many communities hold fireworks displays sponsored by the local fire department or other safety agencies.

It is important to educate children on the dangers of fireworks and emphasize that only adults should handle them. However, if any sort of fireworks, including sparklers, are used at a 4th of July event, Safe Kids Connecticut recommends the following guidelines:

- Only adults should handle fireworks. Tell children that they should leave the area immediately if their friends are using fireworks.
- Discuss safety procedures with your children. Show them how to put out fireworks by using water or a fire extinguisher. Teach children "stop, drop and roll" if their clothes catch fire. Make sure they know how to call 9-1-1.
- Never use fireworks indoors.
- Never aim or throw fireworks at another person.
- Never place your face or any other body part over fireworks.
- Never carry fireworks in your pocket.



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## WATER SAFETY TIPS



While cooling off and having fun at the beach or pool this summer, follow these important tips for a fun and safe day:

- Always actively supervise children in or near water.
- Children can drown in as little as 1 inch of water — and it can happen in a matter of seconds. Children should never be left alone in or near water.
- Don't rely on a personal floatation device or swimming lessons to protect a child.
- Learn CPR and keep rescue equipment, a telephone and emergency numbers poolside.
- Pools should have a four-sided isolation fencing, at least 5 feet high.
- Children should learn to swim after age 4.
- Children should always wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal floatation device when on or near open bodies of water.

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