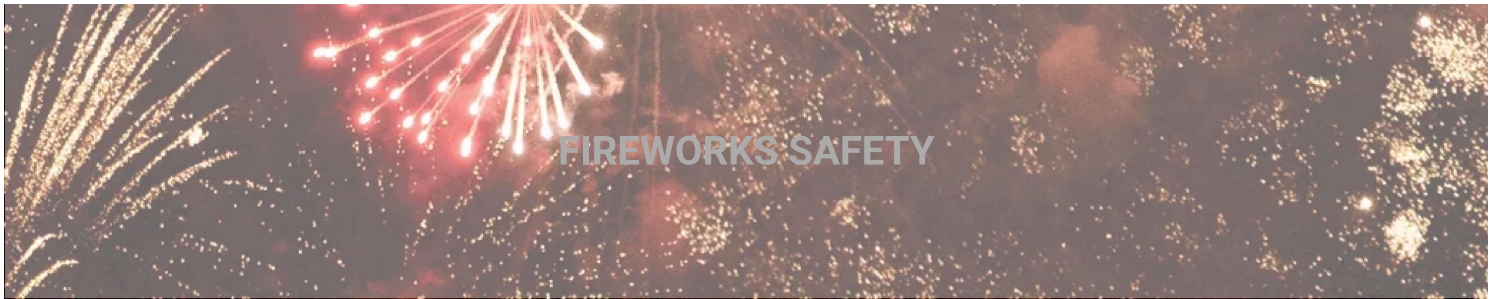




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Each July 4th, thousands of people, most often children and teens, are injured while using consumer fireworks. Despite the dangers of fireworks, few people understand the associated risks - devastating burns, other injuries, fires, and even death.

A Family's Tragedy with Consumer Fireworks: Remembering Michael Shannon

National Fire Protection Association



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A Family's Tragedy with Consumer Fireworks

A three-year old boy, Michael Shannon, was killed when a legal consumer firework struck him in the head during a July Fourth family celebration. Michael's parents and sister talk about their memories of Michael, the pain they've endured in the years since his death, and their hope that parents will understand the danger of consumer fireworks.

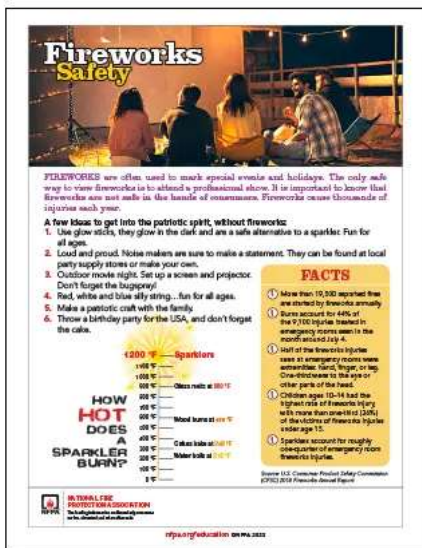


Fireworks Fire and Injury Facts

- Fireworks started an estimated 32,302 fires in 2023, including 3,760 structure fires, 849 vehicle fires, 27,252 outside fires, and 441 unclassified fires. These fires caused an estimated 15 civilian deaths, 58 civilian injuries and \$142 million in direct property damage. (Note: Totals may not equal sums because of rounding error.)
- In 2023, U.S hospital emergency rooms treated an estimated 9,700 people for fireworks related injuries; a 1-month special study period between June 16, 2023 and July 16, 2023 found that nearly half of the fireworks-related injuries treated in U.S. hospital emergency departments were to the extremities (35% hands and fingers, 8% legs, 5% arms) and 22% were to the head, face, and ears.
- Only 11% of the fireworks fires were structure fires but these incidents accounted for 77% of the civilian deaths, 83% of the civilian injuries, and 88% of the direct property damage.
- Children younger than 15 years of age accounted for 32% of the estimated 2023 injuries. These injury estimates were obtained or derived from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's 2023 Fireworks Annual Report.

Source: NFPA Research

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Safety tip sheet

Fireworks are often used to mark special events and holidays. The only safe way to view fireworks is to attend a professional show.

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Dan Doofus Fools Around with Fireworks

NFPA's Dan Doofus urges people not to use consumer fireworks because they are too dangerous. Fireworks are responsible for thousands of fires and injuries each year.



