



## The Importance of CPR Training

July is known for outdoor gatherings, sunshine, and Fourth of July shindigs. Along with these celebrations, comes fireworks. For this reason, July is recognized as National Fireworks Safety Month. Fireworks can be exciting and festive, but can also be very dangerous to onlookers and handlers. It is important to remember that while fireworks can be a fun part of any celebration, there are some safety tips to remember:

- Only use fireworks outside, never in close quarters.
- Obey your local laws; many states do not legally permit the use of fireworks.
- Only use fireworks as intended. Do not alter or combine them.
- Always have a water source nearby in case of an accident or emergency.
- Never relight a malfunctioned firework.
- Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.
- All spectators should keep a safe distance away from the launching area.
- Firework handlers should always wear safety gear.
- Only persons ages 12 and older should be allowed to handle sparklers.



It is important for those using fireworks to be aware of these safety precautions, especially if there are children nearby. During the month of July, children 14 years or less account for about 45% of injuries in relation to fireworks. Injuries from fireworks most commonly affect the hands, head, face, eyes and ears.

For adults, it is crucial to remember that alcohol and fireworks do not mix. Fireworks can be a great addition to any celebration, but also serve as a possible danger.

To learn more about firework safety, please visit <http://www.fireworkssafety.org>.

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