

Fireworks Injuries - Illinois, 2007

Almost everyone enjoys the thrills, excitement and beauty of fireworks.

Sadly, for thousands of people every year, the momentary enjoyment of a fireworks display can take a devastating turn. Fireworks are dangerous and unpredictable, and are capable of causing fires, severe burns and injuries, and even death.

According to the NFPA (National Fire Protection Association), fireworks-related fires cause an average of \$20 million in damages every year.

"For most people, their family and their home represent the hard work of a lifetime and their hopes for the future," says Dr. John Hall, NFPA assistant vice president of Fire Analysis and research. "When things go wrong with fireworks, they go very wrong, very fast, far faster than any fire protection provisions can reliably respond."

Please consider the following statistics as provided by the Office of the State Fire Marshal of Illinois before using any fireworks:

<u>Type of Fireworks</u>	<u># of Injuries</u>	<u>% of All Fireworks Injuries</u>
Sparklers	23	19
Bottle Rockets	23	19
Firecrackers	16	13
Fireworks Displays	7	6

<u>Type of Injuries</u>	<u># of Injuries</u>	<u>% of All Fireworks Injuries</u>
Burns: 1st Degree	35	23
Burns: 2nd Degree	43	28
Burns: 3rd Degree	7	5

<u>Sex</u>	<u># of Injuries</u>	<u>% of Injuries</u>
Male	86	69
Female	35	28

<u>Age</u>	<u># of Injuries</u>	<u>% of Injuries</u>
0-6	16	13
7-10	19	15
11-16	25	20
17-21	18	15
22+	44	35