

# Leave the Show to the Pros

**Fireworks Cause Life Changing Injuries...There are NO Safe Fireworks**

## DO

- Consider safer alternatives such as glow sticks, confetti poppers or colored streamers
- Observe your local & state laws
- Have a designated sober adult light all legal fireworks
- Light one firework at a time & move away quickly
- Keep children and other observers at a safe distance – behind a protective barrier
- Store fireworks out of children's reach
- Keep a bucket of water close for disposal of fireworks

## DON'T

- Allow children to handle fireworks – including sparklers
- Attempt to alter, modify or relight fireworks
- Point or throw lit fireworks at anyone
- Allow children to pick up the spent fireworks - some may still be active
- Ever hold lit fireworks in your hand
- Consume alcohol or drugs when lighting fireworks
- Forget you can be held legally and financially liable for injuries caused by using fireworks

## THE FACTS

- ✓ Sparklers can reach 2,000° F, hotter than a blow torch
- ✓ Thousands of fireworks injuries were treated in U.S. hospital emergency departments, often leaving permanent damage to eyes, hands & face
- ✓ Over 50% of fireworks injuries occur with people under the age of 20 years



## THE FIX

*If a burn injury does happen...*

- 1) Cool the burn with COOL (not cold) water to stop the burning process
- 2) Remove all clothing and jewelry from the injured area
- 3) Cover the area with a dry clean sheet or loose bandages
- 4) Seek medical attention



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