




# FIREWORK SAFETY TIPS

## NAMPA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

### Firework related injury & deaths happen every Year in the United States!

It's imperative to know the risks. Nampa Fire Protection District has compiled (from multiple sources) a list of some helpful safety tips and information for you. Be sure to research any additional safety guidelines not listed & consult your state and local laws as private firework usage may be restricted in your area.

Never allow children to play with or ignite fireworks, including sparklers. Sparklers burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit - hot enough to melt some metals. Sparklers can quickly ignite clothing, and children have received severe burns from dropping sparklers on their feet or touching body parts. Always supervise kids around fireworks.

 Keep a bucket of water and a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishaps. Soak both spent and unused fireworks in water for a few hours before discarding.

Never place any part of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting a fuse. Light fireworks one at a time, then move back quickly.



Never try to re-light, handle or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully or are malfunctioning. Let duds sit for 5 -10 minutes before you put them in a bucket of water. This can prevent injury from a delayed explosion and disarm the firework permanently so you can safely dispose of it.

Only light one firework at a time. Lighting multiple fireworks at the same time increases the risk of accidents occurring from the fuse burning faster than designed. Never hold a lighted firework in your hands or point or throw fireworks (including sparklers) at anyone.

Anyone using fireworks or standing nearby should wear protective eyewear.



To safely light fireworks, make sure they are secured on the ground in a safe area away from people, animals, structures, flammable material, dry grass and brush. Never light them indoors. Never ignite devices in a container. Wait for appropriate weather conditions. Use a stem lighter such as a grill lighter.

Never use fireworks while impaired by alcohol or drugs.

The Nampa Fire Protection district would encourage you to be respectful of your neighbors and especially remember Veterans.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is working to get the word out on stresses and fears that can affect America's armed service members – firework-induced PTSD & veterans. If you are a veteran that is struggling the VA recommends you get help by seeking mental health experts that can give the right coping tools. The VA has a mental health network or the PTSD Coach app available to download at: [https://www.ptsd.va.gov/appvid/mobile/ptsdcoach\\_app.asp](https://www.ptsd.va.gov/appvid/mobile/ptsdcoach_app.asp)

Don't forget about your pets! Fireworks can be extremely stressful for pets, but there are ways to help reduce their fear and anxiety. Keep your pets indoors. Close the curtains or blinds and turn on the TV or radio to provide some distraction.



Only purchase fireworks from licensed dealers and choose models that are approved by the CPSC. Only set off fireworks that are labeled for consumer (not professional use). Legal fireworks reach store shelves after rigorous safety checks by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).

DO NOT buy or set off illegal fireworks. Illegal fireworks do not meet safety standards. Purchasing and setting off illegal fireworks has consequences.

In addition to these tips, follow all manufacturer's guidelines for consumer safety.

**Nampa Fire Protection District** requests you always keep your families, neighbors, community, medical staff and all first responders including your local firefighters in mind when making decisions about fireworks.

#### Idaho Bureau of Land Management

Check with local officials to ensure fireworks and outdoor burning are allowed, then make sure to comply with all restrictions.

#### City of Nampa

Aerial fireworks -including bottle rockets, roman candles and fire crackers are illegal to use in Idaho. "Signing a waiver agreeing to not use them in Idaho does not protect from any liability," said Amy Bowman, a spokeswoman with the city of Nampa. "The use of aerial fireworks is illegal in Idaho without a permit and can cause life-changing harm or damage to person or property. Individuals who choose to use illegal fireworks can and will be held legally and financially responsible for the injuries or damage the fireworks created.

Information gathered from:  
Consumer product safety commission  
US Dept of homeland security  
National safety council  
US Department of Veteran Affairs  
Safewise.com

