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## Celebrate Safely & Smartly this 4<sup>th</sup> of July

If lighting fireworks is included in your plans, please make sure you're doing it safely and protecting all of your friends, neighbors, and our Colorado open spaces and wildlife by only using permissible fireworks, purchased from a Colorado licensed fireworks store, stand, or tent. Follow these simple tips to stay safe and injury free as you celebrate this 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

### Leave Fireworks to the Professionals

- **Attend public fireworks displays and leave the lighting to the professionals.** The best way to protect your family is to attend a professional display.
- **If you plan to use fireworks, make sure they are legal in your area.** In Colorado you can use the general rule of thumb that anything that leaves the ground or explodes is illegal. However, local jurisdictions can add additional restrictions including a ban on all fireworks. Check with your local city or county law enforcement agency.
- **Choose not to light fireworks due to severe fire conditions.** Several counties and local areas are canceling their professional displays due to the severe fire conditions in Colorado. Take their lead. If the professionals think the risk is too high find a safer way to celebrate in 2022.

### Be Extra Careful With Sparklers

- **Sparklers can heat up to 2,000 degrees and are not safe for children to use.** A safe alternative is to provide glow sticks for your children instead.
- **Closely supervise children around fireworks at all times.** Never leave kids unattended around fireworks.

### Take Necessary Precautions

- **Do not wear loose clothing while using fireworks.** Clothing can easily catch fire.
- **Point fireworks away from homes.** Keep away from brush, leaves and flammable substances.
- **Check current fire restriction levels in your area.** Know the restrictions in place, including state and federal park or forest lands at <http://www.coemergency.com/p/fire-bans-danger.html>

## Be Prepared for an Accident or Injury

- **Stand several feet away from lit fireworks.** If a device does not go off, do not stand over it to investigate it. Put it out with water and dispose of it.
- **Always have a bucket of water or a fire extinguisher nearby.** Know how to operate the fire extinguisher properly.
- **If a child is injured by fireworks, immediately go to a doctor or hospital.** If an eye injury occurs, don't allow your child to touch or rub it, as this may cause even more damage.

For additional information, please contact the Frederick-Firestone Fire Protection District at 303.833.2742 or visit them online at [www.ffd.us](http://www.ffd.us).

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