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 NEWSLETTER

2023 CALENDAR

July 19th: How to Create Campfires, How to Put Them out, and How to use Fire Extinguishers at 6:30 pm at the Latah County Fairgrounds with CERT and the Moscow Volunteer Fire Department

FIREWORKS SAFETY & GRILLING FIRE SAFETY

It's that time of the year to celebrate our country with family, friends, and fireworks on the Fourth of July holiday. Unfortunately, over the past 15 years, there has been a 25% increase in the number of people injured while using fireworks. Last year, at least 9 people died, and an estimated 11,500 were injured in incidents involving fireworks and were treated in emergency rooms. The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to watch the professional displays. If you do decide to celebrate with fireworks, please review the following statistics and safety tips! Happy Fourth of July!

TIPS TO CELEBRATE SAFELY

- Never allow young 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.
- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy, in case of fire or other mishap.
- Light fireworks one at a time, then move quickly away from the fireworks device.
- Never try to relight or handle malfunctioning fireworks. Soak them with water and throw them away.
- Never place any part of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse. Move to a safe distance immediately after lighting fireworks.
- Never point or throw fireworks (including sparklers) at anyone.
- After fireworks complete their burning, to prevent a trash fire, douse the spent device with plenty of water from a bucket or hose before discarding the device.
- Make sure fireworks are legal in your area, and only purchase and set off fireworks that are labeled for consumer (not professional) use.
- Never use fireworks while impaired by alcohol or drugs.

How & When Injuries Occurred

2021 Injuries
by Firework Type

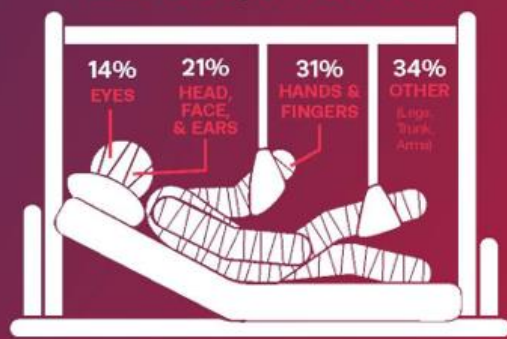


74%
of injuries occurred in the weeks before & after the July 4th holiday



Most Injured Body Parts

32% of the injuries were **burns**



GRILLING FIRE SAFETY

Keep these tips in mind as you and your family enjoy summer vacations, camping, family reunions, picnics, and the Fourth of July!

Stay fire safe this summer! Follow these grilling safety tips.



Only use your grill outside. Keep it at least 3 feet from siding, deck rails and eaves.



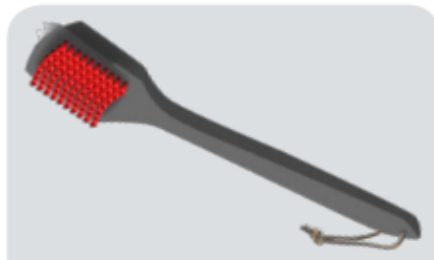
Keep a 3-foot safe zone around your grill. This will keep kids and pets safe.



Open your gas grill before lighting.



Keep an eye on your grill, fire pit or patio torches. Don't walk away from them when they are lit.



Clean your grill after each use. This will remove grease that can start a fire.



Place the coals from your grill in a metal can with a lid once they have cooled.

Stay fire safe this summer!

For more information and resources, visit www.usfa.fema.gov.

PROPANE Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. **If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department.** Do not move the grill. If the flame **goes out**, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least **5 minutes** before re-lighting it. (nfpa.org/education)



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