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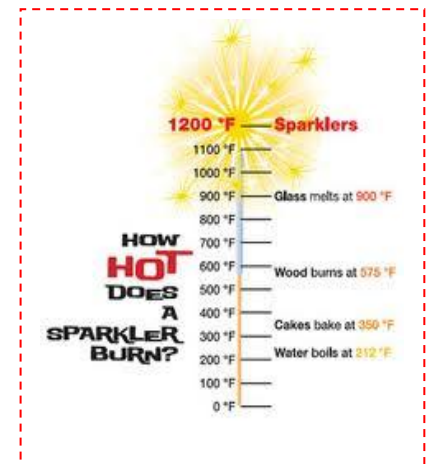


Fireworks during the Fourth of July are as American as apple-pie, but did you know that more than twice the number of fires are reported on that day than on any other day of the year in the United States? Two out of five of these fires are caused by fireworks. The good news is you can enjoy your holiday and the fireworks, with just a few simple safety tips:



Consumer Fireworks

Include sparklers and firecrackers. The tip of a sparkler burns at a temperature of more than 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit, which is hot enough to cause third-degree burns.



www.nfpa.org/education

Safety Tips

- Use fireworks outdoors only.
- Obey local laws.
- Always have water handy. (A hose or bucket).
- Only use fireworks as intended. Don't alter or combine them.
- Never relight a "dud" firework. Wait 20 minutes and soak it in water.
- Use common sense. Spectators keep a safe distance from shooter. Shooter should wear safety glasses
- Alcohol & fireworks do not mix. Have a "designated shooter."
- Only persons over the age of 12 should be allowed to handle sparklers of any type.
- Do not ever use homemade fireworks of illegal explosives.

www.fireworksafety.com