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Fireworks Safety

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June 24, 2013– The Snohomish County Fire Marshal would like to provide some fire safety tips that will help during **Summertime Fun**.

As we celebrate our independence it is important that we keep safety in mind if you are going to ignite or be around fireworks. The United States experiences over 11,000 fireworks related injuries each year. Most of these injuries occur because of mishandling and misuse of fireworks.

Please follow these simple tips to help keep you safe:

- **Have** a bucket of water to douse used fireworks and for emergencies.
- **Never** build or experiment with homemade fireworks
- **Never** let children handle or light fireworks. Even sparklers can be dangerous if unsupervised.
- **Never** ignite fireworks while holding them. Only light one at a time, and move away quickly.
- **Make** sure you give yourself enough room in a safe location – away from buildings, vehicles, and flammable materials.
- **Never** light fireworks inside a structure.
- **Watch** what you wear. Loose clothing can catch on fire, and should not be worn while handling fireworks.
- **Never** try to re-ignite fireworks that have malfunctioned. Soak them in water then throw away.
- **Never** ignite fireworks when you are under the influence of alcohol, prescription drugs or mind-altering drugs.
- **Never** aim fireworks at vehicles.
- **In case of an emergency dial 9-1-1.**

The Snohomish County Fire Marshal's Office would like to wish you all
a Great Fourth of July!

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