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Hinesville Fire Department *fire safety*

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Of the almost 10,000 Americans hospitalized for fireworks-related injuries last year, those with the most serious injuries were as the result of lighting illegal fireworks or those intended for professional displays. An important first step in practicing fireworks safety measures is to make sure you only use legal fireworks. To ensure that you are purchasing approved fireworks that meet the City of Hinesville Ordinance, retailers are located in the Wal-Mart parking lot and Carter's Road.

Firework injuries by the numbers...

- Hands and fingers account for 38% of firework injuries.
- 19% involve the eyes
- 50% of the wounds are burns

Top Causes of Fireworks Injuries

- Fire Crackers 51%
- Illegal fireworks 29%
- Bottle Rockets 12%
- Sparklers 7%



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Use caution when lighting fireworks.



This fire was caused by improper use of fireworks.



This 3 year old lost his life due to fireworks.



Have a happy Fourth of July and remember to celebrate safely!

Fire Safety Tips

The Hinesville Fire Department reminds all Hinesville residents to enjoy this 4th of July and fireworks seasons safely.

- Do not attempt to relight a “dud” allow 10 to 15 minutes to pass and then soak it in a bucket of water.
- Always keep a bucket of water, garden hose, or fire extinguisher on hand.
- Only purchase fireworks from reliable sellers and never use experiment with homemade devices.
- Dispose of fireworks properly— soak them in water and then dispose of them in a trash can.
- Never throw or point fireworks at other people and never carry fireworks in your pocket.
- Store unused fireworks in a cool, dry place; at least six inches off a floor and protected from potential spillage from other contamination.
- Light one firework at a time, and then move away to a safe distance.
- When lighting fireworks in a group setting, always designate an individual to light the firework.
- Whenever possible, always use a pump or a long-handled lighter to ignite fireworks.
- Consider your pets when planning to shoot fireworks.
- Do not drink alcohol and light fireworks.
- Wear safety goggles while lighting fireworks.
- Do not light fireworks on or nearby grass.
- Do not shoot off fireworks in a glass or metal container.
- Do not light fireworks indoors.
- Do not wear loose fitting clothing while lighting fireworks.
- Do not allow children under the age of 12 to handle fireworks.
- Read the instruction prior to using fireworks.