



SPARKLER SAFETY



SAFETY TIPS:

- Always follow the directions located on the packaging
- All sparklers are for outdoor use only, never use indoors
- Always wear eye protection when using sparklers
- Never light more than one sparkler at a time
- Never point a sparkler tube towards anyone or any part of your body
- Keep sparklers and novelty devices in a safe secure location when not in use
- Never use sparklers when under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Always keep an approved fire extinguisher nearby during a display
- Never try to relight or handle malfunctioning fireworks.
- Douse malfunctioning and spent devices with water before discarding to prevent a fire
- Purchase sparklers and novelty devices from NY State registered retailers

FACTS:

- Sparklers burn at temperatures of about 2,000 F
- It is illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to buy or use sparklers in NY State
- In 2013 there were 8 deaths and 11,400 reported injuries in the United States related to fireworks. Sparklers accounted for 31% of these injuries. Many of these injuries were to people under the age of 18.
- Sparklers and certain novelty devices are the only consumer fireworks that are legal in certain parts of NY State. Learn more at: www.dhses.ny.gov/ofpc/news/sparklingdevices.cfm
- All consumer fireworks including sparklers, remain illegal in the City of New York



LINKS



Fireworks Safety Information from the National Fire Protection Association



Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Reports Increase in Fireworks-Related Deaths and Injuries in 2013



Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) 2013 Fireworks Annual Report



Sparkling Device Information from the Office of Fire Prevention and Control