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
• There were 18 fireworks-related fatalities in 2020
• Between June 21, 2020 and July 21, 2020, there were an estimated 10,300 fireworks-related injuries in the United States with sparkling devices accounting for 24% of these injuries, many 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.dhnes.ny.gov/sparkling-devices-information
• All consumer fireworks including sparklers, remain illegal in the City of New York

LINKS

Fireworks Safety Information from the National Fire Protection Association
CPSC: Fireworks-Related Injuries and Deaths Spiked During the COVID-19 Pandemic
Sparkling Device Information from the Office of Fire Prevention and Control