



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 8 fireworks-related fatalities in 2023
- In 2023, there were an estimated 9,700 fireworks-related injuries in the United States that required treatment in the emergency department, 700 of which for injuries caused by sparkling devices
- Teenagers ages 15 to 19 years of age had the highest estimated rate of emergency department-treated, fireworks-related injuries, with children ages 5-9 years old having the second highest rate
- 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/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



Consumer Product Safety
Commission (CPSC)
2020 Fireworks Annual Report



Sparkling Device Information
from the Office of Fire
Prevention and Control