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## **Though Fireworks can be Exciting, Festive and Fun, it is important to remember that fireworks are also **DANGEROUS!****

Each year, over 8000 people are injured using fireworks. Children ages 10 to 14 yrs had the highest injury rate for fireworks-related injuries due to novelty fireworks. The most common injuries sustained from fireworks were blindness, 3<sup>rd</sup> degree burns and scarring affecting the following body parts: hands, eyes, face, legs, trunk, arms and shoulders. Please take the following precautions to teach your children how to prevent being a statistic.

### **Firework Safety Tips**

- Light fireworks outdoors in a clear area away from on lookers, combustibles or flammable material
- Obey local laws
- Always have water handy-a hose or bucket of water
- Only use fireworks as intended
- Do not try to alter them or combine them
- Never re-light a "dud" firework
- Use common sense when using fireworks
- Spectators should keep a safe distance from the shooter.
- Only a person over age 12 should be allowed to handle sparklers of any type
- Do not ever use homemade fireworks or illegal explosives
- Light fireworks one device at a time and never ignite devices in a container
- Do not allow any running or horseplay while fireworks are being used
- Never allow children to ignite fireworks

## **Safety is no accident!**

For more information, please visit Safety Services' web page: [www.amerindrisk.org](http://www.amerindrisk.org) or contact the AMERIND Safety Services Team by telephone at 800.352.3496.