



SAFETY FIRST ON THE FOURTH

- If you plan to use fireworks this Fourth of July please use extreme caution. According to the National Fire Protection Association 10,800 people in the country were treated at hospital emergency rooms for fireworks-related injuries in 2005, nearly half of the 10, 800 were children under age 15.
- About 30% of the injuries came from using small firecrackers.
- Florida Fire Departments reported responding to 250 incidents involving sparklers last year.
- Reported fireworks-related injuries involve the eyes and hands which can result in blindness and losing fingers.
- Always follow directions when using fireworks and firecrackers.
- Individuals who plan to use legal fireworks on their own property should:
 - ✱ Find an open area away from buildings, trees and shrubbery.
 - ✱ Wet down the area where fireworks will be used.
 - ✱ Have a water source and fire extinguisher readily available.
 - ✱ An adult should always be present to supervise use of fireworks.
 - ✱ Don't approach a dud. Wait and then dispose of in a bucket of water.