

## Fireworks Safety.

The Fourth of July is a time of fun, food, barbeques and fireworks. Children for years have been captivated by the beautiful bright flickering lights exploding in the night sky or the ones that they can hold in the hand and twirl around. Fireworks are as much as the holiday as the Star Spangled Banner and each year, there are thousands of fireworks related injuries. Many of these injuries can be avoided by playing it safe and following a few simple tips.

- Never leave children unattended with fireworks.
- Have fire extinguishers near by
- Follow the City/ County fire bans. In years of dry months, it's still tempting to have a small firework display, however, fire bans are put in place to prevent any unneeded fire hazards. If the City/ County has banned fireworks for the year, try going to see a public event.
- Follow the fireworks instructions
- Never light fireworks indoors. Buildings are full of materials that can easily catch fire.
- Do not experiment with homemade fireworks.
- Dispose of fireworks in a metal trash can only after they have been completely extinguished and soaked with water
- Obey all local laws and regulations. Do not use illegal fireworks such as M-80's or quarter sticks.

Often times, even in years of fire ban, there are usually public displays of fireworks. Public displays are a great way to enjoy the fire works with out the worry of safety and fire hazards. You can find more information on Pueblo Fire Department website or call the Fire Department for specific questions at 719-553-2830.