



SHREVEPORT FIRE

Fireworks Safety Tips



According to the National Fire Protection Association, fireworks cause thousands of injuries each year in the hands of consumers. If you desire to purchase fireworks we recommend you adhere to the following tips to reduce the likelihood of injury and property damage.

Purchasing Fireworks

- Check local laws and ordinances to ensure that fireworks are legal where you live.
- Only buy fireworks from a licensed seller/stand.
- Always read the warning label on the firework prior to purchase.

Safe Practices

- Always have adult supervision while using fireworks.
- Never consume alcohol while using fireworks.
- Ensure fireworks are a safe distance from structures and overhead power lines/trees before lighting them.
- Always have a garden hose or water bucket nearby to douse used or misfired fireworks.
- Always follow the safety precautions on the firework's label.
- Fireworks should be placed on a hard, smooth surface that is clear of overgrown vegetation prior to detonation.
- Never light fireworks in your hand.
- Light only one firework at a time.
- Never attempt to re-light a firework that did not go off.
- Have a safe landing zone for aerial fireworks.
- Never point, shoot, or throw fireworks at people.

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