



SHREVEPORT FIRE

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Fireworks Safety Tips

Safe Practices

- Always have adult supervision while using fireworks.
- Always have a garden hose or water bucket nearby for douse spent or misfired fireworks and/or medical emergencies.
- Always follow the safety precautions on the fireworks label.
- Fireworks should be placed on an hard, smooth surface prior to detonation. NEVER light fireworks in your hand.
- Quickly light only one firework at a time.
- Always use a "punk" to ignite the fireworks. Punks burn without an open flame and provide a greater, safer distance between your hand and the firework.
- Have a safe landing zone for aerial fireworks.

Unsafe Practices

- Never point or throw fireworks at people.
- Never place any fireworks in container to ignite.
- Keep fireworks away from small children.
- Do not alter or make your own fireworks.
- Never use fireworks while drinking alcohol.
- Never use fireworks inside of a vehicle or building.
- Never ignite aerial fireworks where trees, eaves, wires, etc. may interfere with trajectory into open air space.