Around 200 people enter the emergency room every day with fireworks related injuries the month surrounding Independence Day. Avoid the emergency room by following these safety tips.

Fireworks packaged in brown paper are made for professional displays - avoid buying!



Always have an adult supervise fireworks activities, especially with sparklers.

Back up to a safe distance immediately after lighting fireworks.

Never point or throw fireworks at another person.



Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire and to douse used fireworks before discarding in trash.

Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks.



Never carry fireworks in a pocket or shoot them off in metal or glass containers.

Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.



Never place a part of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting.



Make sure fireworks are legal in your area before buying or using them.