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Fireworks Incident Data for 2017

Olympia – In 2017, the State Fire Marshal's Office received 345 reports of fireworks-related incidents by hospitals, clinics, and fire agencies in Washington State; 262 injuries and 83 fires. The majority of these incidents occurred on the Fourth of July.

Incidents of greatest concern:

- 262 injuries reported; 11 percent higher than the 10 year average.
- 83 fires reported due to fireworks use, resulting in a loss of \$59,200.
- 54 injuries and 6 fires were caused by devices that are illegal to own or possess in Washington State.

People can enjoy consumer fireworks in a safe and responsible way if they follow a few simple tips. When planning your fireworks fun, always remember to use the three "Bs" of fireworks safety:

- Be Prepared – Have water nearby and put pets indoors
- Be Safe – Only adults should light fireworks
- Be Responsible – Clean up fireworks debris

For more information about fireworks, visit the State Fire Marshal's fireworks webpage at <http://www.wsp.wa.gov/fireworks/>.

The State Fire Marshal's Office is a Bureau of the Washington State Patrol, providing fire and life safety services to the citizens of Washington State including inspections of state licensed facilities, plan review of school construction projects, licensing of fire sprinkler contractors and pyrotechnic operators, training Washington State's firefighters, and collecting emergency response data.

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