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Fireworks Incident Data for 2019 to Date

Olympia – The Washington State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) has received 331 reports of fireworks-related incidents by hospitals, clinics, and fire agencies in Washington State for 2019 to date. Of the 331 incidents, 297 were reported to have occurred between June 28 and July 5, the legal sales and discharge period for consumer fireworks in Washington State. The majority of injuries were caused by individuals holding fireworks while they were lit or standing too close to fireworks once they were lit.

Although the sales and discharge period for consumer fireworks in Washington has concluded for this season, the SFMO would like to remind residents to enjoy consumer fireworks in safe and responsible ways to avoid injuries and fires.

For more fireworks-related information, visit <http://wsp.wa.gov/prevention-data-collection/>, or email fireworks@wsp.wa.gov.

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 States firefighters, and collecting emergency response data.

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