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Fireworks Incident Data for 2020

Olympia – In 2020, the Washington State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) received 597 reports of fireworks-related incidents reported by hospitals, clinics, and fire agencies. Of the 597 incidents reported through the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS), there were 237 injuries and 360 fires that occurred in Washington State. Fireworks-related incidents most often occur on the Fourth of July.

Breakdown of fireworks-related incidents reported in 2020:

- 237 injuries reported; down nearly 12% from 2019.
- 360 fires reported due to fireworks use, resulting in a loss of \$1,307,884.
- 88 injuries were due to someone being hit by fireworks and/or debris.
- 109 injuries were classified as burns.

Washingtonians can enjoy consumer fireworks in a safe and responsible way if they follow a few simple tips. When planning your fireworks fun, remember to:

- Be Prepared – Buy only legal fireworks, have water nearby while lighting, and keep pets indoors.
- Be Safe – Only adults should light fireworks. Never light fireworks in your hand and never use them indoors. Only light one firework at a time.
- Be Responsible – Clean up fireworks debris and soak used fireworks. Keep matches and lighters away from children.

The SFMO also encourages those who gather this year adhere to public health guidelines within their individual counties.

For more information about fireworks incidents visit <http://www.wsp.wa.gov/prevention-data-collection/> or call (360) 596-3929.

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