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Fireworks Safety

Olympia- Many families look forward to gathering and celebrating the fourth of July. Due to the dangers of fireworks, we urge you to celebrate safely this holiday.

In 2024, fireworks were responsible for 156 injuries and 271 fires in Washington State, with the highest concentration of incidents occurring on the fourth of July.

When possible, it is best to view fireworks at a public display. If you do set off fireworks at home, please follow these suggestions to stay safe:

- Only use legal consumer grade fireworks.
- Have a bucket or hose nearby.
- Do not allow children to handle fireworks under any circumstance and keep them far from all flammable celebration materials.
- Do not use fireworks that appear to be damaged or tampered with.
- Do not consume alcohol while using fireworks.
- Do not point fireworks at others and back away quickly after lighting any fuses.
- Keep fireworks and sparklers away from your body. Sparklers can burn at temperatures above 1000 degrees.

For more information, contact the State Fire Marshal's Office at (360) 596-3904.

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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. These services include public education, licensing and certification of the fire sprinkler, fireworks, and cigarette industries, data collection and analysis, fire and life safety inspections for state facilities, plan review of school construction projects, all-risk mobilization of statewide fire service resources, hazardous materials training, and the training and certification of firefighters.

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