

Celebrate Safely!

Safety Tips for Family Fireworks



New Brunswick
Office of the Fire Marshal



Low-Hazard Family and Recreational Fireworks

Volcanoes, small fountains, roman candles, pin wheels, Christmas crackers, sparklers, Lawn Lites, Golden Rain and caps for toy guns are all classed as Low-Hazard fireworks.

When handled carefully they can be fun and entertaining. They should not be used by unsupervised children. They can cause serious injury if used improperly.

Before the Show

- Choose an open space that measures at least 30 x 30 meters (100 x 100 feet) where there are no power lines, trees or combustibles.
- Carefully read the manufacturer's instructions.
- In case of fire, keep a large pail of water, or a garden hose, nearby.
- Tell your local fire department the

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time and location of your display.

- Obtain the required permits from local authorities and ensure that you are covered by your insurance company in case of injury or property damage.
- Purchase your fireworks from a licensed dealer.
- Store fireworks in a cool, dry place.
- Never carry fireworks in your pocket.

During the Show

- Don't let children handle, play with, or light fireworks.
- An adult should light all fireworks, one at a time.
- Children must be kept at least 10 meters (33 feet) from where the fireworks are being set off.
- Never experiment with, or make your own fireworks.
- Fireworks are designed to be ignited when securely



positioned on the ground, in a sand bunker, and are not to be held in the hand and thrown.

- Remember to consider the direction of the wind — and ensure there is a clear landing area.
- Do not consume alcohol when using fireworks.
- Wear protective clothing such as gloves and protective ear and eyewear when setting off fireworks.
- Use a flashlight when igniting or checking fuses.
- After igniting the fuse, stand clear!
- Keep pets and farm animals indoors, away from the bright lights and noise.

After the Show:

- Collect and dispose of all the used fireworks and other fire hazards such as matchbooks, lighters and faulty fireworks.
 - Check the area carefully, including the landing zone, for fireworks that have misfired.
 - Place these misfires in a pail of water.
 - Don't attempt to light misfires.

Contact your local fire department for instructions to help you celebrate safely.

Fireworks can be fun, but they can be dangerous if they are not handled with caution!

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