Leave the Fireworks to the Pros!

Henrico Fire suggests parents teach their children to leave fireworks to the professionals. *Henrico County prohibits the sale, possession, or use of fireworks including sparklers.*

- Exceptions include road flares and paper caps containing no more than .25 grams of explosive content.
- Possession of fireworks in Henrico is a Class 1 Misdemeanor punishable with up to $2500 fine and up to one year in jail.

Injury

- July 4th is a summer holiday filled with fun, but it is also a holiday that sends over 10,000 people to the hospital every year.
- Loss of fingers, blindness, loss of hearing, and burns
- Sparklers associated with the most injuries for children under the age of five.
- Sparklers can burn as hot as 2,000 degrees

Of those injured:

- 60 percent are fireworks users and 40 percent are bystanders
- Males make up 75 percent of all injuries.
- More than 50 percent of those injured are children

Fire Damage

- Fireworks result in more than $41 million in direct property damage each year. (According to the National Fire Protection Association) Click here to get additional information from the USFA

For more information, contact Henrico County Division of Fire at 501-4900. Have a Safe and Happy Fourth of July!
Fireworks during the Fourth of July are as American as apple-pie, but did you know that more than twice the number of fires are reported on that day than on any other day of the year in the United States? Two out of five of these fires are caused by fireworks. The good news is you can enjoy your holiday and the fireworks, with just a few simple safety tips:

**PROCEED WITH CAUTION!**

- Leave fireworks to the professionals. Do not use consumer fireworks.
- The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public display conducted by trained professionals.
- After the firework display, children should never pick up fireworks that may be left over, they may still be active.

**CONSUMER FIREWORKS**

include sparklers and firecrackers. The tip of a sparkler burns at a temperature of more than 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit, which is hot enough to cause third-degree burns.

**FACTS**

- Each July Fourth, thousands of people, most often children and teens, are injured while using consumer fireworks.
- The risk of fireworks injury is highest for children ages 5–14.
- More than 80% of emergency room fireworks injuries involve fireworks consumers are permitted to use.