

**PLAY IT  
SAFE,  
GEORGIA!**

For Clinicians

# FIREWORKS SAFETY

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## Why We CARE

**25%** Increase in fireworks-related injuries treated in the ED nationally, **up 274 per year** on average from 2006–2021

**1500** Injuries from firecrackers in 2021

**75%** of these Injuries were from **sparklers**.  
That's **more than 1,000!**



14% to eyes



21% to head



31% to hands

**DID YOU  
KNOW?**

**Sparklers burn at 2,000 degrees.**  
That's hot enough to melt some metals!



**1 in 3** Kids injured from fireworks were **under 15 years old.**

**9 Deaths** related to fireworks, including an **8-year-old boy** (in 2021).

## How to PLAY IT SAFE

Get your patients and their parents and caregivers **excited about attending community fireworks shows** (instead of DIY in the backyard)!

Post a **calendar of events** (include a web link) in visible spots around the area.

**Start the conversation**

**"Have you heard about?"**  
is a great way to start the conversation.



**A ROLE  
TO PLAY**

Advise caregivers that if they find themselves in a situation where there are fireworks nearby:

1. Have a **bucket of water** handy.
2. **NEVER, ever** handle or relight fireworks that malfunctioned.
3. **Don't hand kids fireworks, not even sparklers.**



### CALL 911 FIRST!

Advise caregivers to call 911 if their child gets injured by a firework—**even if they seem okay.**

### PLAY IT SAFE

with poison prevention, safe sleep, firearms, burn safety, and more in the new **Georgia AAP Toolkit**—[gaaap.org/play-it-safe/](http://gaaap.org/play-it-safe/).

