FIREWORKS SAFETY

For Clinicians

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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!

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.

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/.