



Kin Canada
St. Thomas
Kinsmen Club

Fireworks Safety Guidelines

Before firing your display, a few elementary precautions should be taken.

- 1. ALWAYS WEAR SAFETY GLASSES**
2. Children are fascinated by fireworks, but should not participate in the firing of the pieces. Older children may be taught to assist under adult supervision. Never leave the fireworks unattended.
3. Only One person should be in charge of the display.
4. With the single exception of sparklers, no firework is designed to be hand held. Even sparklers must be used with close adult supervision! None are designed for indoor use!
5. Inspect your fireworks during daylight hours. Read all instructions carefully.
6. Inspect your firing area. Look for flammables like dry grasses or bushes and overhead objects like trees and hydro wires. Ensure your audience has a safe viewing area, upwind and the recommended distance from the fireworks.
7. Use buckets or a wheelbarrow of sand/dirt to bury the long tube items that must be buried. Holes can also be dug in the ground/garden for these items. Always slightly angle them away from your audience. Use a flat, level surface for items with bases that need no additional support. Lining the base items on a piece of wood and screwing them down through the base gives additional safety as well as allowing you to plan the sequence ahead. Ensure they are not so close together that they can ignite each other.
8. Keep a hose, fire extinguisher or buckets of water handy and dispose of spent fireworks only after they have safely cooled. Wetting spent fireworks down prior to disposal is always a good idea.
9. Never re-approach a firework that does not “go off.” Do not try to re-light it. Go on to other pieces, wait at least 20 minutes and then dispose of it in a water filled container.
10. Do not wear synthetic fabrics while lighting fireworks. Jeans, a denim jacket and a cotton shirt make a good firing outfit.
11. Use punk sticks or igniters to light the fireworks. Never lean over a piece of firework as you are lighting it. Hold the igniter at arm's length and keep your face clear of the piece. Once lit, stand clear of the firework immediately.
- 12. ALWAYS WEAR SAFETY GLASSES (It's worth repeating!)**

FIREWORKS ARE FUN, BUT MUST BE TREATED WITH RESPECT

THE PURCHASER ASSUMES THE RESPONSIBILITY OF USAGE

FIREWORKS ARE ONLY TO BE SOLD TO PERSONS 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER