Fireworks Safety Tips

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- Never let children handle, play with, or light fireworks without adult supervision.
- Store fireworks in a cool, dry place away from the reach of children
- Always purchase fireworks from reliable, licensed dealers.
- Use a clear, open area and keep the audience at a safe distance from the shooting site.
- Do not attempt to make or alter any fireworks or fireworks device.
- Only light one firework at a time and never attempt to re-light or fix a "dud" firework.
- Have a fire extinguisher, water supply, hose or bucket of water nearby.
- Use extreme caution when lighting fireworks in the wind. Keep spectators where the wind is blowing away from them.
- Never smoke or consume alcohol when lighting fireworks.

Additional Information

- Sparklers burn at anywhere between 1200-1800 degrees Fahrenheit, hot enough to melt glass.
- Glow sticks make for an excellent alternative to sparklers, especially for young children.
- In 2012, more than 36% of firework-related injuries in Indiana were to children under the age of 18.
- Fireworks can only be purchased by persons 18 years of age or older.

Check with your local officials if you have any further questions about acceptable firework usage in your area, as local ordinances may further restrict usage.

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