

# LOCUST VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT – PUBLIC SAFETY TIPS



## Fireworks Safety

The Fourth of July, our nation's birthday, is meant to be a fun and safe holiday. We would like to remind the residents of Locust Valley that fireworks awareness and prevention are important issues to discuss with your family. It is important to mention that **ALL** fireworks are illegal in the state of New York. The possession, use, or sale of fireworks, including sparklers, is a violation of New York State Penal Law, and may be punishable as a misdemeanor or a felony. Parents should talk with their children about the destructive outcomes that can occur from playing with fireworks.

**The Fourth of July Fireworks, although popular, can be extremely harmful.**

**Fireworks statistics show that...**

- ...An estimated 9,800 people were treated in emergency rooms for fireworks-related injuries in the United States, in 2007.
- ...Approximately 16% of all consumer fireworks injuries are caused by sparklers burning hands and legs, with the majority of these injuries occurring to young children.
- ...Most of these injuries happen at the victims' homes.
- ...Fireworks can cause life threatening residential fires.
- ...Children ages 5 to 9 years old have the highest rate of injuries related to fireworks.

There are many licensed professionals that perform fireworks presentations for the public. Attending a fireworks display is a fun and safe way to enjoy the holiday.