

Fireworks Fact Sheet



Fireworks displays are a highlight for Saskatchewan residents every summer. The Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA) recommends leaving pyrotechnic displays to the professionals.

Fireworks pose significant threats to public safety if used incorrectly. They can result in burns, personal injury and property damage. To minimize the chances of injuries from fireworks, the SPSA recommends attending public displays hosted by community organizations or a licensed pyrotechnician.

If you choose to host a family or informal fireworks display, check with your local fire department about firework regulations in your area.

Follow these tips to keep you and your guests safe:

- Do not consume alcohol or any substances that could impair your judgement when discharging fireworks.
- Appoint a responsible person who is aware of the hazards and safety procedures to be in charge.
- Carefully read and follow all directions and safety warnings.
- Keep a water hose or a pail of water close by.
- Discharge fireworks a considerable distance away from combustible materials like buildings, trees or dry grass. Never discharge fireworks in windy conditions.
- Keep the audience a considerable distance away, upwind from where the fireworks are being discharged.
- Only light one firework at a time and only when they're on the ground.
- Do not re-light a faulty firework. Wait 30 minutes and soak it in a bucket of water, then dispose of it in a metal container.
- Keep sparklers away from children. Sparklers burn at extremely hot temperatures, making them a significant fire hazard and burn risk. Once the sparkler wire burns out, it remains hot for a while and should be soaked in water to avoid starting a fire.
- If someone experiences a burn from fireworks, run cool water over the wound for three to five minutes. Seek medical attention if necessary.