



Summer Safety

The return of warm weather for many local residences means outdoor activities, such as mowing, swimming, sports, picnics & barbeques, etc. Make your fun in the sun safer with some simple tips on safety. Each summer activity has its own safety rules, but common sense and proper supervision seem to rule above all else. Nationwide Children’s Hospital reports approximately 1400 injuries per year at their emergency department, with about 50% of those occurring in the months of June, July and August. So Get Ready...Get Set...BE SAFE!

It is our goal to remain YOUR FRIENDS FOR LIFE by sharing what we know and responding as needed. We sincerely hope that your summer and return of warm weather to our community brings all of you great fun and memories. We hope you find this safety information helpful.

Fire Chief,
Violet Township Fire

Pool Safety

Make sure fences are around the pool area and gates are the self-closing, self-latching type. Remove items that a child could use to climb over or unlatch a gate. Safety aids should be kept on each side of the pool in a stationary place (avoid using these as play toys). Pool and hot tub drains **must** have the correct cover or gate installed to prevent injury, per the manufacturer. Pool alarms are a great security item, but are no substitute for fences, or other protection devices. Make sure you have installed an approved safety cover to completely block the access to the water. Lastly, take the time to emphasize pool safety, and never let children swim unsupervised, always have an adult present.

Outdoor Cooking

When barbequing make sure the grill is away from and out of any structure. If possible, have a water source or fire extinguisher available. Keep children away from campfires and grills unless accompanied by an adult. Never leave the grill or campfire unattended, and always follow the manufacturer’s recommendation for starting the grill.

Lawn Care

When mowing the lawn, make sure you read the owner’s manual on proper usage. Keep small children out of the yard and turn the mower off when children enter the area. Toys and any debris should be removed before mowing. Sloping yards should be mowed “up and down” with riding mowers and “side to side” with walk behind mowers. Wear proper clothing and ear plugs, eye protection, proper footwear, etc. Never carry children on a riding mower, and NEVER place your hands or feet near the deck while the mower is running!

Athletics

Sports are a popular activity in the summertime that have the potential for possible injuries. Team sports, individuals sport, back yard games or playground activities are all popular in the summer. Help secure a safe summer by wearing proper equipment such as helmets, shin guards, mouth pieces, and other safety gear pertaining to the sport. Supervision plays a key role in the safety of our children. Make sure children are instructed on the proper use of the equipment to ensure their safety. Playground equipment and trampolines should have safety signs posted for their protection, and proper usage.

Summer Weather Safety

Our community has upgraded the outdoor warning sirens to enhance coverage. These are strictly designed and intended to alert you to severe weather warning while outdoors. Many of the local news media outlets also can send text messages or emails to your phone or electronic device to help warn you in the event of severe weather. Lastly, each home should have a severe weather alert radio, programmed for our local area that can alert you and your family of weather warning while sleeping.

Heavy rains can produce rapid flooding in low lying areas and roadways. Never drive in water if you cannot see the roadway. If walking, be very careful because water moves more rapidly than you expect and has a great force.

Being prepared means having items in your home that include flashlights, a battery powered radio, spare batteries, food, water and any necessary medications for family members that are readily accessible.





Fireworks Safety

Thank you to the NFPA for some of their information

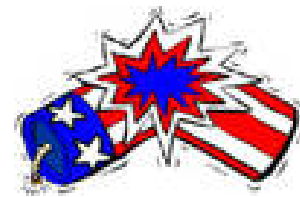
Using sparklers on our nation's birthday is as traditional as cookouts and swimming and is equally safe if a few common sense rules are followed. But according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission ("CPSC"), approximately 16% of all consumer fireworks injuries are caused by sparklers burning hands and legs, with the majority of sparkler injuries occurring to young children. These are injuries that would not have occurred if there had been close adult supervision and if some basic safety steps had been taken. The National Council on Fireworks Safety offers these safety steps for sparklers, in the hopes that sparkler injuries to young children can be greatly reduced.

- ❗ Children under the age of 12 should not use sparklers without *very close* adult supervision.
- ❗ Always remain standing while using sparklers.
- ❗ Never hold a child in your arms while using sparklers.
- ❗ Never hold, or light, more than one sparkler at a time.
- ❗ Sparklers and bare feet can be a painful combination. Always wear closed-toe shoes when using sparklers.
- ❗ Sparkler wire and stick remain hot long after the flame has gone out. Be sure to drop the spent sparklers directly in a bucket of water.
- ❗ Never hand a lighted sparkler to another person. Give them the unlit sparkler and then light it.
- ❗ Always stand at least 6 feet from another person while using sparklers.
- ❗ Never throw sparklers.
- ❗ Show children how to hold sparklers away from their body and at arm's length.
- ❗ Teach children not to wave sparklers, especially wooden stick sparklers, or run while holding sparklers.

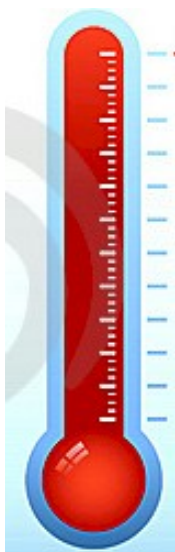
CONSUMER FIREWORKS

include sparklers and firecrackers. The tip of a sparkler burns at a temperature of more than **1,200 degrees**

Fahrenheit, which is hot enough to cause third-degree burns



HOW HOT DOES A SPARKLER BURN?



1200 °F Sparklers

Glass melts at 900 °F

Wood burns at 575 °F

Cakes bake at 350 °F

Water boils at 212 °F

Did you know more fires are reported on our nation's birthday than ANY other day of the year in the United States? More than half of these are from fireworks. Here are some tips to make your 4th of July safer as well as fun:

- ❗ Leave fireworks to the professionals!
- ❗ Each July 4th, thousands of people most often teens and children, are injured while using fireworks
- ❗ Never pick up fireworks after a public display, they could still be active
- ❗ The risk of fireworks injury was two-and-a-half times as high for children ages 10–14 as for the general population