

### How much do you know about fireworks? Take our quiz!

True or False

- Adults should read and follow all warnings and instructions before using any fireworks.
- Adults should be sure that other people are out of range before lighting fireworks.
- ★ Sparklers burn at temperatures up to 1800° Fahrenheit.
- A 7-year-old boy lost half his left hand, including his fingers when he lit an M-80 he found hidden in a family bedroom.
- An 8-year-old girl received second and third degree burns to her leg when a spark from a sparkler ignited her dress.
- ★ The fine for possession of illegal fireworks can be up to \$5,000.
- ★ Firecracker-like items such as M-80's, M-100's, quarter, half, or full sticks, Silver Salutes, Brown Bombers, etc.are considered explosives by law enforcement.
- ★ It is illegal to sell, give, or deliver any fireworks to any person under 18 years old.
- Parents can and will be held responsible for any damages or injuries caused by their children's use of illegal fireworks.

### All of the above are True.



#### San Bernardino County Fireworks Facts

Fireworks are **NOT** permitted in unincorporated areas of San Bernardino County.

Fireworks Legal or Not in your area:

Adelanto	Yes
Apple Valley	No
Barstow	No
Big Bear Lake	No
Chino	Yes
Chino Hills	No
Colton	Yes
Crestline	No
Fontana	Yes
Fort Irwin	No

Grand Terrace Yes (some areas)

Contact: 909-824-6621

Hesperia Nο Highland No Joshua Tree No Lake Arrowhead Nο Loma Linda No Lucerne Valley No Montclair Nο Needles No Ontario No Rancho Cucamonga No Redlands No Rialto Yes **Running Springs** No

San Bernardino City Yes (some areas)

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Twenty-nine Palms No
Upland No
Victorville No
Wrightwood No
Yermo No
Yucaipa No
Yucca Valley No

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# FIREWORKS





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Schools out, the weather's warm, and you're at a neighborhood bar-b-q. It must be the 4th of July. Before you start the celebration be sure everyone including adults know about fireworks safety.

Fireworks are meant to have fun but knowing the dangers and how to stay safe will make your holiday a great one!

Did you know that in 2005 emergency rooms reported almost 11, 000 injuries related to fireworks? Most of these were burns and eye injuries, and more than 40% occurred in children younger than 15. Injuries related to fireworks have continued to rise since 2002. In the past 10 years 182 deaths have been linked to fireworks and related incidents.

On Independence Day in a typical year, more fires are reported in the U.S. than on any other day. The best thing you can do to protect your family is not to use any fireworks at home. Also, think about your pet. Animals have sensitive ears & can be extremely frightened & stressed. Keep your pet indoors to reduce the risk that the pet will run loose or get injured.

When things go wrong with fireworks they go very wrong very fast.
Protect yourself and family by leaving the show to the professionals.



Although fireworks are illegal in most parts of San Bernardino County. If you live in an area where use is permitted please keep these safety tips in mind:

- Children should never play with fireworks.
- Sparklers should never be given to children under 12. If using sparklers be sure to keep them away from the face, clothing, and hair. (Sparklers can reach 1800°F. Hot enough to melt gold.)
- Buy legal fireworks with the manufacturer's name and directions of use. (illegal ones are unlabeled.)
- Store fireworks in a cool, dry place
- Never try to make your own fireworks and don't try to alter them or combine them.
- Have a bucket of water to dose the used fireworks in & a hose in case of flying embers.
- Fireworks have been known to backfire or shoot off in the wrong direction, stay at a safe distance. (20-40 ft)
- Never throw or point fireworks at anyone.
- Wear eye protection.
- Never hold fireworks in your hand or have any part of your body over them while lighting.
- Light one firework at a time; **never** relight a dud.
- Point fireworks away from homes and keep away from brush, leaves, and flammable substances.
- Don't allow your child to pick up pieces of fireworks after an event. Some may still be ignited & can explode any time.
- Treat fireworks with respect and caution.

**NEVER set off fireworks inside!** 

## FIREWORKS AND ALCOHOL DON"T MIX. HAVE A DESIGNATED ADULT TO LIGHT AND DISPOSE OF.

If anyone is injured by fireworks, immediately go to a doctor or hospital. If an eye injury occurs, don't touch or rub it, as this may cause even more damage. Also, don't flush the eye out with water or attempt to put any ointment on it. Instead, cut out the bottom of a paper cup, place it around the eye, and immediately seek medical attention - your child's eyesight may depend on it. If it's a mild burn, remove clothing from the burned area and run cool, not cold, water over the burn for 10-15 minutes.

Do not use ice!

Call your child's doctor immediately.

### Can you point out the dangerous fireworks?







### **ALL OF THEM!**

In 2005; 19 out of 20 injuries were caused by fireworks approved for general consumers.