



## Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



### Fireworks Safety Message

Fireworks are combustible or explosive devices, and they should be handled cautiously. Sparklers, for example, burn at about 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit, which can melt some metals, not to mention burn skin.

Always remember the following safety tips when interacting with fireworks:

1. Only light one firework at a time and never attempt to re-light or fix a "dud" firework.
2. Always have a fire extinguisher or water supply, such as a hose or bucket of water, nearby.
3. Do not allow young children to use fireworks, and only let older children handle them under close adult supervision.
4. Store fireworks in a cool, dry place away from the reach of children.
5. Never smoke or consume alcohol when lighting fireworks.
6. Do not hold lit fireworks in your hands, and do not point or throw fireworks at others.
7. Use extreme caution when lighting fireworks in the wind.
8. Steer clear of others setting off fireworks. They can backfire or shoot off in the wrong direction.
9. After a firework has finished burning, douse it with plenty of water before throwing it away to prevent starting a trash fire.
10. Do not attempt to make or alter any fireworks or firework devices.