



LET'S TALK FIRE SAFETY

Valdosta Fire Department

Volume 4, Issue 7
July 2019

Fireworks Safety

Fireworks Facts:

Each July 4th, thousands of people, most often children and teens, are injured while using consumer fireworks.

Despite the dangers of fireworks, few people understand the associated risks - devastating burns, other injuries, fires, and even death.

Fireworks start an average of 18,500 fires per year, including 1,300 structure fires, 300 vehicle fires, and 16,900 outside and other fires.

In 2017, U.S. hospital emergency rooms treated an estimated 12,900 people for fireworks related injuries; 54% of those injuries were to the extremities and 36% were to the head.

Children younger than 15

years of age accounted for more than one-third (36%) of the estimated 2017 injuries.



Two out of every five fires started by fireworks each year, are reported on Independence Day.

Safety Tips:

- Be safe. If you want to see fireworks, go to a public show put on by experts.
- Do not use consumer fireworks.
- Keep close eyes on kids at firework events.

Always Remember

Even sparklers burn hot enough to cause third-degree burns because many burn at temperatures of 1200 degrees.

Fireworks are dangerous and unpredictable, especially in the hands of amateurs.

Males account for 74% of all firework injuries that are reported.

Fireworks should only be used outdoors.

Never relight a dud firework.

National Fire Protection Association

<https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Seasonal-fire-causes/Fireworks>

What do you call a duck who likes watching fireworks?

A firequacker

In the state of Georgia it is legal to use fireworks from 10 am until 11:59 pm any day unless restricted by local noise ordinances. Only on December 31st is the use of fireworks permitted until 1 am extending into January 1st..

The Governor may ban the use of fireworks in any area of Georgia that is under drought conditions.

Have a fire safety question you would like for the Fire Department to answer, please contact Tangela Rowe at 229-333-1835 or you can send an email valdostafire@valdostacity.com

Solve the Fire Wuzzles

WUZZLES are word puzzles consisting of combinations of words, letters, figures or symbols positioned to create disguised words, phrases, names, places, sayings, etc.

For example, the solution to NOON GOOD is "Good afternoon" and LINE READ LINE is "Read between the lines."

S T O R Y	1/4 1/4
↓	1/4 1/4
S T O R Y	

Answers to last month's wuzzles are
A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush and just between you and me.

Fire Safety Quiz

1. The most injured body part when using fireworks incorrectly is the eyes.
 - A. True
 - B. False
2. More than ____ percent of firework injuries are burns.
 - A. 25
 - B. 44
 - C. 50
 - D. 32

Correct Answers of last month's quiz are: 1. B, 2. C



Brian S. Boutwell, Fire Chief