

Fireworks Safety

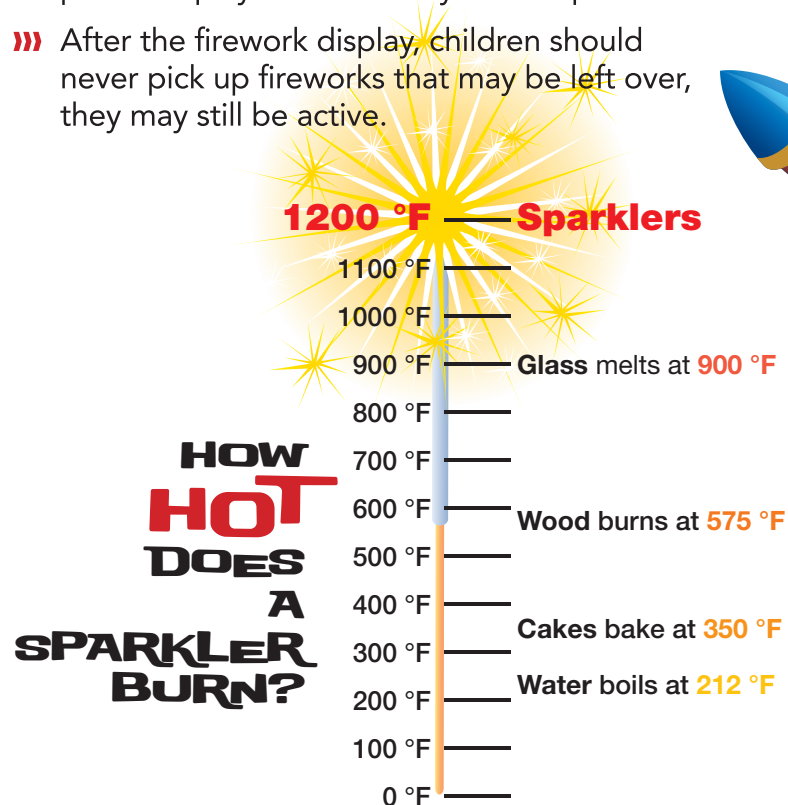
Fireworks during the Fourth of July are as American as apple-pie, but did you know that two out of five fires reported on that day are started by fireworks, more than for any other cause? The good news is you can enjoy your holiday and the fireworks, with just a few simple safety tips:

PROCEED WITH CAUTION!

- » Leave fireworks to the professionals. Do not use consumer fireworks.
- » The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public display conducted by trained professionals.
- » After the firework display, children should never pick up fireworks that may be left over, they may still be active.

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.



FACTS

- ! Each July Fourth, thousands of people, often children and teens, are injured while using consumer fireworks.
- ! The risk of fireworks injury is highest for children ages 5–19 and adults 25–44.
- ! Nearly 90% of emergency room fireworks injuries involve fireworks consumers are permitted to use.



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