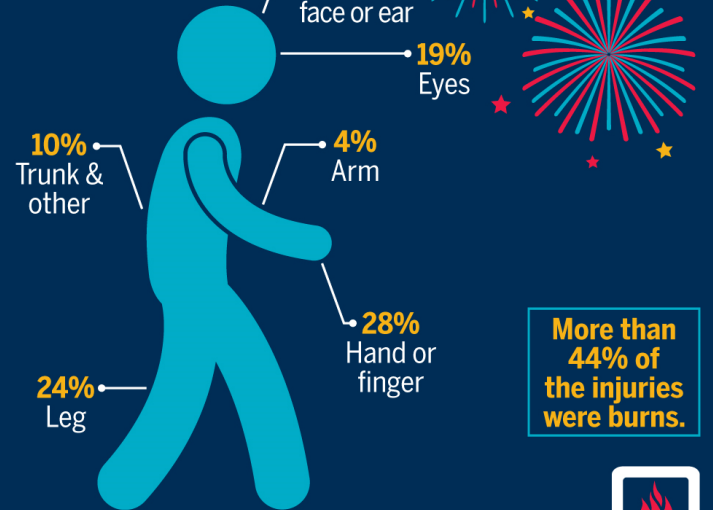


### Fireworks Safety Tips

- Know your local ordinances and rules in your neighborhood.
- Know your fireworks; read the cautionary labels and performance descriptions before igniting.
- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix. Save your alcohol for after the show.
- Use fireworks outdoors in a clear area - away from buildings and vehicles.
- Wear safety glasses when shooting fireworks.
- Never relight a "dud" firework. Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.
- Never carry fireworks in your pocket or shoot them from metal or glass containers.
- Never set off fireworks within 150 feet of an occupied structure.

### Most Injured Body Parts by Fireworks



More than 44% of the injuries were burns.

\*Based on injuries during the month around July 4. Source: CPSC's 2018 Fireworks Annual Report by Tu and Ng.



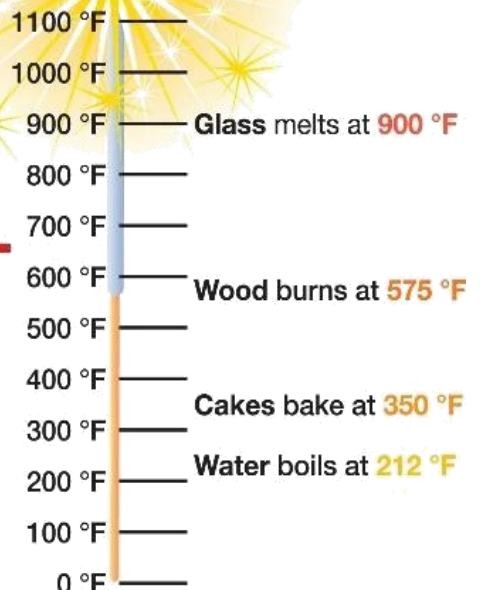
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Keep a bucket of water and working hose nearby.

### 1200 °F — Sparklers

HOW HOT DOES A SPARKLER BURN?



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# Fireworks FAQ

House Bill 2157 was signed into law as [Act 74 of 2022](#). Effective September 9, 2022, this moves Fireworks Law from the Tax Code back to Title 3 (Agriculture). Below are the most noteworthy changes.

## Which fireworks are PA residents now allowed to purchase and use?

PA consumers can purchase and use “Class C” or “consumer-grade” fireworks such as firecrackers, Roman candles, bottle rockets, and similar fireworks that contain a maximum of 50 milligrams of explosive material.

“Display fireworks,” which are classified as including salutes that contain more than two grains or 130 milligrams of explosive materials, and professional-grade aerial shells containing more than 60 grams of pyrotechnic compositions, are still only to be used by professionals with a permit from the municipality where the display will take place.

## Who can purchase?

Anyone over the age of 18 years can purchase, possess and use consumer fireworks. Consumer fireworks do not include “ground and hand-held sparkling devices”, “novelties” and “toy caps.”

## What are the restrictions on their use?

- Cannot be ignited or discharged on public or private property without express permission of the property owner.
- Cannot be directed at another person.
- Cannot be discharged from or directed at a building or vehicle.
- Cannot be discharged within 150 feet of a building or vehicle regardless if the building or vehicle is owned by the user of the consumer fireworks.
- Cannot be discharged while the person is under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance or another drug.
- Municipalities may restrict use of consumer fireworks between 10 p.m. and 10 a.m. except:
  - July 2, 3, 4 and Dec. 31 when they may be used until 1 a.m.
  - If July 4 falls on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday they may be used until 1 a.m. on the immediately preceding and following Friday and Saturday
- The following may take, remove or cause to be removed all stocks of consumer or display fireworks sold, used, stored, or held in violation of this law:
  - PSP
  - Act 120 certified municipal police officers
  - a sheriff or sheriff’s deputy
  - A member of a Pennsylvania bomb squad accredited by the FBI and certified in hazardous devices training

Check with your local municipality for applicable local ordinances.

## Where can fireworks be purchased?

From a stand-alone, permanent structure which is licensed by the Department of Agriculture. Consumer fireworks may also be purchased through online, mail-order or other transaction, but delivery of consumer fireworks to a purchaser shall take place at a licensed, permanent structure.