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7 Simple Tips for a Safer Fourth of July

For the next 11 days, resident of St. Joseph County are allowed to light the fireworks they purchased to celebrate the 4th of July.

In 2014, 141 individuals in Indiana suffered 171 fireworks related injuries. The youngest being just 8 months old. Six of those injured required amputation. In fact, many of those injured were just observers. The following 7 tips can help keep you or someone you know from being a statistic.

1. Only purchase from a licensed dealer, and not from anyone selling out of a car.
2. Never let children handle, play with or light any type of firework.
3. Always have a working garden hose handy to wet the area where you light them off, before and after.
4. Light only one firework at a time.
5. Do not re-light any firework. Wait them down and leave until the next day.
6. Keep fireworks lighting areas away from kids and pets.
7. Mark off an area of your yard, away from buildings and power lines where you can safely set off the fireworks.



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