

# Firework Safety Tips

This Fourth of July, the city of St. Joseph and the St. Joseph Fire Department wants everyone to have a safe holiday by following these tips when using fireworks.

- All firework activities should be supervised by an adult.
- Keep matches and lighters away from children.
- Do not allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks.
- Only set off fireworks in a clear outdoor space away from houses and flammable materials.
- Do not place any part of your body directly over fireworks when lighting the fuse.
- Only light one firework at a time and keep unused fireworks away from the area.
- Move away quickly after lighting a firework.
- Do not point, aim or throw fireworks at another person or animal.
- Do not attempt to re-light or pick up a firework that failed to ignite.
- Do not ignite fireworks in a container, especially glass or metal containers.
- Keep a bucket of water or garden hose nearby in case of fire or to pour on fireworks that fail to ignite.
- Do not experiment with homemade fireworks.
- When fireworks are done burning, soak them with water before placing in the trash.

Call 911 in case of an emergency