



# SPARKLER SAFETY



## SAFETY TIPS:

- Always follow the directions located on the packaging
- All sparklers are for outdoor use only, never use indoors
- Always wear eye protection when using sparklers
- Never light more than one sparkler at a time
- Never point a sparkler tube towards anyone or any part of your body
- Keep sparklers and novelty devices in a safe secure location when not in use
- Never use sparklers when under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Always keep an approved fire extinguisher nearby during a display
- Never try to relight or handle malfunctioning fireworks
- Douse malfunctioning and spent devices with water before discarding to prevent a fire
- Purchase sparklers and novelty devices from NY State registered retailers

## FACTS:

- Sparklers burn at temperatures of about 2,000 F
- It is illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to buy or use sparklers in NY State
- There were 18 fireworks-related fatalities in 2020
- Between June 21, 2020 and July 21, 2020, there were an estimated 10,300 fireworks-related injuries in the United States with sparking devices accounting for 24% of these injuries, many to people under the age of 18
- Sparklers and certain novelty devices are the only consumer fireworks that are legal in certain parts of NY State. Learn more at: [www.dhSES.ny.gov/sparkling-devices-information](http://www.dhSES.ny.gov/sparkling-devices-information)
- All consumer fireworks including sparklers, remain illegal in the City of New York



## LINKS



Fireworks Safety Information from the National Fire Protection Association



Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) 2020 Fireworks Annual Report



CPSC: Fireworks-Related Injuries and Deaths Spiked During the COVID-19 Pandemic



Sparkling Device Information from the Office of Fire Prevention and Control