



Maryland RISK WATCH® CMT Update - July 2007



TO: Maryland RISK WATCH® Champions

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Month	Activity/ Theme/ Module	Comments & Resources
July 4 th	Fireworks Safety	<p>"Fireworks are part of a long tradition of summer and holiday celebrations. By using legal fireworks safely we can all enjoy a safer season!" according to Maryland State Fire Marshal Bill Bernard.</p> <p>The weeks in June and July that surround the federal July 4th holiday are when most fireworks injuries occur to both children and adults. Children should never be allowed to use fireworks of any kind.</p>

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission and Safe Kids USA:

- ✚ over 9,000 people were treated in EDs for injuries associated with fireworks in 2006
- ✚ more than 4,000 children ages 14 and under are treated in EDs for fireworks injuries
- ✚ children 10-14 years of age are three times more likely to sustain fireworks injuries
- ✚ most injuries from fireworks occur in the few weeks around July 4th
- ✚ firecrackers caused the most injuries, followed by rockets and sparklers
- ✚ sparklers burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees – hot enough to melt metals
- ✚ burns are the most common injuries from fireworks
- ✚ public fireworks displays are available in all parts of Maryland

Websites with information on Fireworks Safety include:

List of Public Fireworks Displays in Maryland

www.firemarshal.state.md.us/ click on 4th of July Fireworks Displays

For PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE on Fireworks (COMAR TITLE 10: 1 & 2)

www.firemarshal.state.md.us/ click on Fireworks

Consumer Product Safety – Site for children with Fireworks Safety Tips

www.cpsc.gov/kids/kidsafety/kidfwks.html

NFPA website has Fireworks fact sheets & a report on Fireworks (April 2007)

www.nfpa.org search on Fireworks

Safe Kids USA has press release for July 4th www.safekids.org

As you find more information on **Fireworks Safety** – please forward to the EMSC Program office and we will post on the Prevention and Risk Watch web pages.

www.miemss.org/EMSCwww/RISKWATCH2.htm