



# 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
- In 2013 there were 8 deaths and 11,400 reported injuries in the United States related to fireworks. Sparklers accounted for 31% of these injuries. Many of these injuries were 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/ofpc/news/sparklingdevices.cfm](http://www.dhSES.ny.gov/ofpc/news/sparklingdevices.cfm)
- 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) Reports Increase in Fireworks-Related Deaths and Injuries in 2013



Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) 2013 Fireworks Annual Report



Sparkling Device Information from the Office of Fire Prevention and Control