

# D'Iberville Fire Department

## Safety Tips

### **Subject: Fireworks**

New Years Day and Independence Day (Fourth of July) are probably the most famous times of the year for fireworks. Though they are very colorful and exciting to watch, they can also be very dangerous, especially to children. Here are some safety tips to help everyone safely enjoy fireworks.

- Use fireworks outdoors only
- Obey local laws. If fireworks are not legal where you live, do not use them.
- Always have water handy.
- Only use fireworks as intended. Don't try to alter them or combine them.
- Never relight a "dud" firework. Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.
- Always use common sense. Spectators should keep a safe distance from the shooter and the shooter should wear glasses.
- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix. Have a "designated shooter."
- Never leave small children unattended with fireworks.
- Only persons over the age of 12 should be allowed to handle sparklers of any type.
- Do not ever use homemade fireworks of illegal explosives: They can injure or even kill you! Report illegal explosives to your local police or fire departments.
- Never shoot fireworks toward other people. If someone is injured by a firework, seek medical attention immediately.
- If a fire has started from a firework, call 911 or your local fire department immediately.