Fireworks: Handle With Care

Each year in Washington, fireworks cause injuries and fires. Don’t let your family become part of these statistics. Be prepared. Be safe. Be responsible.

Number of fireworks-related injuries in 2020: **237**

Time most injuries occur: 9:00 p.m. to midnight

Fires caused by fireworks in 2020: **360**
Total $ loss = $1,307,884

Who gets injured?

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Types of Injuries

- 70 Trauma
- 109 Burns
- 33 Amputations/Avulsions
- 10 Vision/Hearing Loss
- 13 Unknown
- 2 Deaths

Fireworks injuries by body part

- Hand/arm 32%
- Face/head 28%
- Multiple injuries 22%
- Foot/leg 14%
- Torso 3%
- Unknown 1%

Top causes of injuries

1. Hit by fireworks and/or debris
2. Holding or throwing fireworks
3. Lighting or relighting fireworks
4. Leaning over fireworks

*As reported to the SFMO by fire agencies and hospitals*