



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 20000 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 here insert link to "OFPC Information Bulletin: The New Fireworks and Sparklers Law "
- All consumer fireworks including sparklers, remain illegal in the City of New York



LINKS



www.nfpa.org/safety-information/for-consumers/holidays/fireworks



www.cpsc.gov/Newsroom/News-Releases/2014/CPSC-Reports-Increase-in-Fireworks-Related-Deaths-and-Injuries-in-2013/



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<http://www.dhse.ny.gov/ofpc/news/sparklingdevices.cfm>