

# Sparkler safety urged



• Each person should have his or her own sparkler stick. Only light one at a time.

• Maintain a distance of six feet from one another while sparklers are blazing.

• Even though it can seem festive to wave a sparkler or make circles through the air, doing so increases the risk for injury.

• Remain in an upright position when holding a lit sparkler.

• Tossing or throwing the sparkler is extremely hazardous.

• Do not use sparklers (or other fireworks) while under the influence of alcohol.

• Sparkler sticks can remain hot long after the flame is extinguished. Keep a bucket of water nearby and dump some water on the sparkler after use.

More sparkler and firework safety information is available through the National Council on Fireworks Safety at [www.fireworksafety.com](http://www.fireworksafety.com).

Sparklers can be fun and people who intend to use sparklers are urged to treat these devices with respect and caution. When using sparklers, heed the following safety tips from the National Council on Fireworks Safety.

• Sparklers are best handled by people ages 12 and older. Children younger than 12 require extreme supervision.

• Everyone handling sparklers should wear closed-toe shoes, and not flip-flops or sandals, to protect their feet from sparks.

• Wear eye protection, such as safety goggles.

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