

# Fireworks SAFETY

**Firework Safety** – EOC would like for you and your family to have a safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday. If fireworks are legal in your area, you may make them part of your Independence Day celebration. If you choose to set-off fireworks at home, learn how to set them off with the least amount of risk. Never use fireworks that are not clearly labeled with the name of the product or manufacturer. If you really want to stay safe, you can take your family to a large public firework show. Their fireworks will light up the sky in a way private fireworks can't. You can sit back and relax with your family while enjoying the show.

## **Basic Firework Safety:**

- Buy fireworks from reliable dealers.
- Store them in a cool, dry place.
- Never carry them in your pockets.
- Never throw or point them at people or animals.
- Never ignite them from glass or metal containers.
- Always use outdoors only.
- Small children should never handle fireworks.
- An adult needs to be present with older children.



## **Igniting Fireworks Safely:**

- Designate an area away from the house, from flammable materials, and from those watching.
- Don't let kids goof around in the display area.
- Be prepared for trouble by having a bucket of water or a garden hose ready.
- Those igniting fireworks should wear eye protection and keep body parts away from the firework device.
- Read and follow all directions.
- Light one device at a time.
- If a device fizzes, leave the dud alone for several minutes and then douse it with water.