## **FIRE WORKS**



BE PREPARED - BE SAFE - BE RESPONSIBLE

## Before you light fireworks — be prepared:

- Purchase only legal fireworks, available at approved retailers.
- Place pets indoors; they may become frightened.
- Keep a bucket of water nearby to place used fireworks inside.
- Have a water hose or fire extinguisher nearby to put out any stray sparks from fireworks.
- Know the emergency number to call for your area, your home address/location, and basic first aid.
- Never carry fireworks in your pocket

## When lighting fireworks — be safe:

- Make sure you use the fireworks on your own property, not streets, school yards, parks or public property.
- Never allow children to handle fireworks.
- Establish a family rule that only a designated adult should light all fireworks.
- Light one at a time, move away quickly, and keep at a safe distance until the display is finished.
- Light fireworks outdoors in a clear area away from onlookers, dry grass, houses and flammable materials.
- To prevent injuries, never throw fireworks and never hold fireworks in your hand.
- Do not allow any running or horseplay while fireworks are being used.
- Never ignite devices in a container.
- Do not try to re-light or handle malfunctioning fireworks; douse and soak them with water and discard them safely.
- Never experiment with homemade or altered fireworks
  After you finish be responsible:
- Clean up all debris when finished.
- If a device does not light or fire, an adult should wait at least fifteen minutes and approach it carefully. Place it in a bucket of water to soak.
- Be sure all unused fireworks matches and lighters are out of the sight and reach of children.

Make sure you obey all state and local government rules, regulations, and ordinances