

# GRASS FIRE & INJURY DANGER WITH FIREWORKS

## FIRE FACTS:

- FIREWORKS cause an average of nearly 18,500 reported fires per year.
- Sparklers account for roughly ONE- QUARTER (1/4) of all Emergency Room FIREWORKS injuries.

Source: [www.NFPA.org/education](http://www.NFPA.org/education) [www.NFPA.org/fireworks](http://www.NFPA.org/fireworks) NFPA 2017

## SAFETY TIPS:

- Be safe. If you want to see fireworks, go to a public show put on by experts.
- Keep a close eye on children at events where fireworks are used.
- ALCOHOL AND FIREWORKS DO NOT MIX!
- Dispose of spent fireworks by wetting them down and place them in a metal trash can away from buildings and combustible materials.



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## MORE SAFETY TIPS:

- Wear safety glasses when shooting fireworks.
- Light one firework at a time and then quickly move away.
- Use fireworks outdoors in a clear area; away from buildings and vehicles.
- Never relight a "dud" firework. Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.
- Always have a bucket of water and a charged water hose nearby.
- Obey all local laws regarding use of fireworks.
- Know your fireworks. Read cautionary labels and performance descriptions before lighting.
- Report illegal explosives, like M-80s and quarter sticks, to the police or fire department.

**CALL 9-1-1 for EMERGENCIES**



**REMEMBER:** On the  
*4th of July,*  
**FIREWORKS SAFETY**  
begins with **YOU!**



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## **MILITARY VETERANS with PTSD & FIREWORKS**

### **Did you know?**

Loud, unexpected noises such as fireworks are extremely common triggers for combat veterans suffering from PTSD, because the noises can remind them of gunfire or explosions they experienced on the battlefield.

**Be Courteous, Be Aware and Be Safe!**

You may see this or similar sign :



## **LIVESTOCK & HORSES**

**Fireworks** must not be set off near livestock or horses in fields or stables.

**It** is best to keep your livestock and horses in their normal routine.

**Risk** assess your fencing and stable to plan accordingly and limit disturbance.

**Ensure** you find out if there are any planned displays nearby.

**Warn** local organizers of livestock and horses in area.

**Organize** your plans in advance.

**Remain** calm and positive livestock and horses can sense unease in humans.

**Keep** your horses and livestock in familiar environment.

**Safety** for everyone is the key. Do not put yourself in **DANGER**.



Before you enjoy your new freedom to use fireworks, do you know how to round up livestock and fix fence?

**“AND THE ROCKETS’ RED GLARE,  
THE BOMBS BURSTING IN AIR,  
ARE ENOUGH TO GIVE PETS  
THE MOST HORRIBLE SCARE...”**

We love the flash and bang of Fourth of July fireworks, but they can be a pet's worst nightmare.

Every year, on the fifth of July, animal control officers get a huge volume of calls about pets who, frightened by the noise of the parades and fireworks, escape from their families or dig out of their yards in a desperate attempt to flee.

When it comes to fireworks, be pet-riotic: Don't bring your pets to events where loud noises and bright lights are likely to scare them, and be sure that all pets spend the day safely indoors.

Uncle Sam wants YOU to keep your pets safe!

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## **DOMESTIC PETS & FIREWORKS**