FIREWORKS SAFETY TIPS

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July 4th is just around the corner. For a lot of people one of the things included in your July 4th celebration is fireworks. Hopefully, after reading these safety tips, everyone will have a safe July 4th celebration.

Fireworks Safety:

- #1- Check with your local law enforcement as to whether the fireworks you plan to use are legal.
- #2- Fireworks should not be set off by persons under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- #3- Read all the directions and safety instructions that came with your fireworks and follow them.
- #4- Always light fireworks on a hard, flat and level surface. Grass is not a good surface.
- #5- Always light fireworks in an open area, away from things such as trees and houses.
- #6- Have water close by in case of a fire.
- #7- Never hold a lit firework in your hand.
- #8- Never aim fireworks at another person or at an animal.
- #9- Keep in mind that a "dud" may still go off, just not as you intended.
- #10- Wear safety glasses when setting off fireworks.
- #11- Depending on your animal, you may want to move them away from where you are setting off fireworks, as they frighten some animals and/or cause them to behave in an agressive manner.
- #12- Speak to your children about firework safety and have them keep a safe distance from where fireworks are being ignited.