

FOURTH OF JULY – FIREWORKS SAFETY
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{**ON CAM**}

AS WE GEAR UP FOR A HOLIDAY WEEKEND, IT'S IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER TO CELEBRATE SAFELY- ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO FIREWORKS.

{**TAKE VO**}

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BAYLOR UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER TRAUMA SURGEON DR. LAURA PETREY SAYS FIREWORK INJURIES RESULTING IN BLINDNESS AND AMPUTATION ARE COMMONLY SEEN IN THE E-R.

SHE CAUTIONS PEOPLE NEVER TO LIGHT A FIREWORK WHILE HOLDING IT- AND IF ONE SEEMS TO MALFUNCTION- DON'T TRY TO LIGHT IT AGAIN.

AND IF YOU THINK SPARKLERS MIGHT BE A SAFER FIREWORK-ALTERNATIVE, CONSIDER THIS:

{**TAKE SOT**}

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“Sparklers are more dangerous than you think... they actually are at a temperature of 2000 degrees and can actually cause some metals to melt, so just think about that kind of heat getting on your skin.”

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ENSURING YOUR FIREWORKS ARE LEGAL... NOT USING FIREWORKS WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS OR ALCOHOL... AND KEEPING A BUCKET OF WATER NEARBY ARE ALL GOOD WAYS TO CELEBRATE MORE SAFELY, ACCORDING TO PETREY.