








FIREWORK INJURIES IN CHILDREN



Type of injury	How to avoid	What to do
Hand burns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not pick up a firework that is not off Keep water close by in case of fire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minor burns can be treated by cleaning and over-the-counter medication Major burns require emergency treatment
Eye injuries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not stand too close to a firework Wear protective eyewear Stand at least 500ft away from a firework show 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leave the injured eye untouched and get emergency treatment
Hand fractures and lacerations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not hold any firework while lighting them Light one firework at a time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cover the hand with a clean cloth, apply an ice compress and keep the area raised
Facial injuries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not light a fuse with your head bent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep the head above your heart level Put a clean cloth over the injury Apply ice compress and receive emergency treatment
Hearing Loss 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remain at least 500ft away from the fireworks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Firstly, cover the ears and get away from the noise Check with the doctor

REFERENCES:

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