

## Leave the Fireworks to the Pros!

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Henrico Fire suggests parents teach their children to leave fireworks to the professionals. *Henrico County prohibits the sale, possession, or use of fireworks including sparklers.*



- Exceptions include road flares and paper caps containing no more than .25 grams of explosive content.
- Possession of fireworks in Henrico is a Class 1 Misdemeanor punishable with up to \$2500 fine and up to one year in jail.

### Injury

- July 4th is a summer holiday filled with fun, but it is also a holiday that sends over 10,000 people to the hospital every year.
- Loss of fingers, blindness, loss of hearing, and burns
- Sparklers associated with the most injuries for children under the age of five.
- Sparklers can burn as hot as 2,000 degrees

### Of those injured:

- 60 percent are fireworks users and 40 percent are bystanders
- Males make up 75 percent of all injuries.
- More than 50 percent of those injured are children

### Fire Damage

- Fireworks result in more than \$41 million in direct property damage each year. (According to the National Fire Protection Association) Download additional information from the USFA  
<http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/downloads/pdf/tfrs/v1i7-508.pdf> (PDF)

For more information, contact Henrico County Division of Fire at 501-4900. Have a Safe and Happy Fourth of July!