

SAFE 4TH OF JULY

CHILDREN SHOULD NOT HANDLE FIREWORKS. Never let children handle, play with, or light any fireworks. Only adults should handle and light the fireworks. Fireworks are great family fun, but they burn very hot and are intended to be handled only by adults. The average sparkler burns at *2000 degrees* - that's as hot as a soldering gun!

HAVE WATER CLOSE BY. Have an accessible fire extinguisher, water supply, hose or bucket of water nearby for emergencies. During any fireworks shoot, there should always be one individual assigned as the fireman, whose sole job is to be alert ready with a water source.

THE 4TH OF JULY IS NO BLAST FOR PETS. If you know that your pet is seriously distressed by loud noises like thunder, consult with your veterinarian before July 4th for ways to help alleviate the fear and anxiety he or she will experience during fireworks displays.

BASICS FOR MOSQUITO BITE PREVENTION. Wear light colored clothing, mosquitoes are attracted to dark clothes and keep your body covered as much as possible (including wearing a hat), although mosquitoes can find their way through the fabric-it does cut down on bites.

WE ALL KNOW IT: SUNSCREEN IS A MUST. Fun? Nah. Make sure you apply enough, the average adult needs "a shot glass full of sunscreen" reapplied every hour or two you're outdoors.