



## **Chambers County Fire Marshal** **Fireworks Safety Tips**



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- Buy fireworks only from licensed retail outlets;
  - Follow directions carefully - with close adult supervision;
  - Never experiment with homemade or altered fireworks;
  - Use fireworks outdoors, in a safe area away from dry grass and buildings;
  - Before you enjoy fireworks, get permission from the property owner;
  - Spectators should keep a safe distance from the shooter and the shooter should wear safety glasses;
  - Alcohol and fireworks do not mix. Have a "designated shooter";
  - Keep something nearby to extinguish a fire -- a bucket of water, wet towels, or a garden hose;
  - Light one firework at a time - then move back quickly!
  - Never shoot fireworks while holding, or from metal or glass containers;
  - Never carry fireworks in your pocket;
  - Never relight a "dud" firework. Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water;
  - Remember, what goes up must come down! Know that your fireworks are landing in a safe place;
  - Never point or throw fireworks at people or animals; and
  - Check laws of local jurisdictions concerning fireworks. Currently, the cities of Anahuac, Baytown, Mont Belvieu, and Old River-Winfree have ordinances prohibiting fireworks within their city limits.

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