

Professor Sparkz Reminds You to Ring in the New Year Safely



If your state law allows for the use of consumer fireworks, follow these rules to celebrate safely:

- ☀ Always have a sober adult present and never give fireworks to young children, even sparklers.
- ☀ Remember that alcohol and fireworks do not mix.
- ☀ Purchase legal consumer fireworks from a licensed store, stand or tent.
- ☀ Read and follow the directions on the labels.
- ☀ Only use fireworks outdoors away from buildings on a flat, level, hard, fireproof surface that is free from debris.
- ☀ Have a working garden hose or bucket of water handy.
- ☀ Keep spectators at a safe distance.
- ☀ Always wear safety glasses when igniting fireworks.
- ☀ Light only one firework at a time.
- ☀ Never place any part of your body directly over a fireworks device.
- ☀ Never throw fireworks at another person.
- ☀ Never carry a firework in your pocket or shoot fireworks from a metal or glass container.
- ☀ Allow finished fireworks to stand for at least 20 minutes. Submerge in water, drain and place in a plastic bag for outside disposal in a covered trash can.

