# MCLB ALBANY SAFETYGRAM



# Sparklers

Small but Dangerous



#### Did you know?

#### **Sparklers Burn Hotter Than You Think**

A typical sparkler burns at 1,800°F to 3,000°F – hot enough to melt glass. That's significantly hotter than a blowtorch!

# They Cause a Surprising Number of Injuries

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, sparklers account for more than 25% of fireworks-related ER visits, and 50% of those injured are children under the age of 5.

# **Body Parts Most Affected:**





Hands & Fingers

Head, Face, & Ears

# One Sparkler Can Be Enough to Start a Fire

In dry conditions, a sparkler can ignite grass, mulch, or even brush, making them a wildfire risk in some areas.

# **Sparkler Safety Tips:**

#### **Always Supervise Children**

Never allow young children to handle sparklers. Older kids should only use them under close adult supervision.

#### **Keep Sparklers at Arm's Length**

Hold sparklers away from your body, face, clothing, and others. Don't wave them near people, pets, or flammable items.

# **Light One Sparkler at a Time**

Never try to light multiply sparklers at once, and don't hand a lit sparkler to someone else. Use long-handled lighter if possible.

# **Have a Disposal Plan**

The metal stick stays hot long after the sparks are gone so place it immediately in a bucket of water or sand – don't leave them on the ground.

#### **Choose Safer Alternatives for Kids**

Young children can enjoy glow sticks, LED sparklers, or no-flame novelty lights instead.

For more information on sparkler safety visit https://www.americanpyro.com/be-sparkler-saf









