



OVERVIEW OF FACT SHEET



With summer and celebrations comes fireworks. There are multitudes a of celebrations during summer months where families and friends will gather. Oftentimes, these celebrations include fireworks. Unfortunately, multiply people are injured and an estimated 18,500 fires started by fireworks displays on an annual basis. Therefore, the Environmental Health and Safety office, National Safety Council and Department of Insurance require fireworks in public displays to be approved and conducted by certified professionals.

This fact sheet provides general tips about fireworks on and off campus.



If you have any questions, please contact the [Environmental Health and Safety Office](#) at 704-687-1111 or EHSoffice@uncc.edu.

Fireworks / Pyrotechnics Safety

Fireworks / Pyrotechnics On Campus Approvals

- EHS office approval is required prior to the usage of fireworks / pyrotechnic on UNC Charlotte's campus. Please submit a safety service request at least 30 days prior to the event to ensure no delays. The minimum items to address include:
 - Qualified operator in charge
 - Properly trained assistants
 - Site layout with proper separation of distances
 - Event description
 - Firing procedures
 - Termination procedures
 - Emergency procedures
- The Department of Insurance Fire Marshal and EHS representative will permit and inspect the event site to determine if the fireworks are safe to display.

Fireworks Off Campus - Watch Out for those Fire-Starters

- Leave fireworks to the experts.
- Always follow your State's laws and manufacture guidelines.
- Never allow children to handle fireworks.
- Never hold lighted fireworks in your hands or against your body.
- Never point fireworks at other people.
- Only use fireworks outdoors.
- Never carry fireworks in your pockets.
- Always wear safety protective equipment.
- Have an extinguishing device readily available.
- Follow manufacture guidelines to dispose of fireworks.

Group Discussion Topics

- Does anyone know someone who suffered an injury due to fireworks?
- Has anyone previously reported or corrected a hazard related to fireworks?
- Do fireworks have to be approved prior to using on UNC Charlotte's campus?
- What are some safety precautions when using fireworks off campus?