



Fireworks Safety Talk

1. Introduction (1-2 minutes)

Why it Matters:

Welcome everyone! Today's safety talk focuses on **Fireworks Safety**. Fireworks are exciting and fun — but they're also **explosives**, and every year they cause **thousands of injuries, fires, and even deaths**. Most injuries happen to **bystanders, children**, or people who **think they're being safe** but take one shortcut too many.

Whether you're using fireworks personally, supervising an event, or working near a fireworks display — **awareness and caution are key**.

2. Key Safety Points (3-5 minutes)

Top Risks

- Improper use — relighting duds, holding fireworks in your hands, or aiming at people
- Lack of distance — standing too close to launch or misfire areas
- Alcohol or drugs — impair judgment and reaction time
- Not following local laws or weather conditions
- Inexperienced users or unsupervised children

Fireworks Safety Tips

- Only use legal fireworks that are approved in your state or city. Fireworks are not allowed on UNC Charlotte campus unless you obtain an approved permit.
- **Never** allow children to handle fireworks — not even sparklers
- Read all instructions and follow them carefully
- **Light** fireworks outdoors in a clear, open space away from people, homes, and flammable materials
- Keep a safe distance after lighting — and never lean over fireworks
- **Have** a bucket of water, garden hose, or fire extinguisher nearby
Never relight "duds" — wait 15–20 minutes and then soak them
- Avoid alcohol or impairment when handling fireworks



- **Soak** used fireworks in water before throwing them in the trash
- Keep pets indoors — fireworks can scare and disorient animals

Never Do

- **Never hold fireworks in your hand while lighting**
 - **Never point fireworks at people, homes, or vehicles**
 - **Never light fireworks in glass or metal containers**
 - **Never attempt to make your own fireworks**
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3. Demonstration & Checklist (3-5 minutes)

- **Interactive Segment:** Special Note for Employees Working Near Fireworks Displays:
 - Respect safety perimeter and exclusion zones
 - Only licensed professionals should handle or launch commercial-grade fireworks
 - Wear hearing and eye protection if within range
 - Report any misfire, fire, or injury immediately
 - **Discussion:**
 - “Have you ever had or seen a close call with fireworks?”
 - “What would you do if a fire started at a fireworks display?”
 - “Where do we keep our emergency fire equipment during events?”
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4. Conclusion (2 minute)

- **Summary:** “Fireworks are meant to light up the sky — not send someone to the ER.” Respect them, follow the rules, and make sure the only thing that explodes this year is the fireworks — **not someone’s summer.**
- **Call to Action:** “Let’s all ensure we know and follow the safety rules.”
- **When to Call Emergency Services:**



- Call 911 or local emergency services if the injury is life-threatening, or if you're unsure about the severity.
 - **Report Accidents:**
 - Always report any workplace injury, no matter how minor it seems, to your supervisor or EHS office for documentation and follow-up.
 - Ensure the injured person receives proper medical attention.
 - **Thank you:** "Thank you for your time and attention today. Safety is everyone's responsibility. Stay alert, stay safe!"
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