



COUNTY OF MONMOUTH OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL

July Fire Safety Tips

As the Fourth of July approaches, The Monmouth County Fire Marshal's Office and the Board of Chosen Freeholders would like to point out the following statistics from the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Fireworks are often used to mark special events and holidays. However, they are not safe in the hands of consumers. Fireworks cause thousands of burns and eye injuries each year.

Fireworks cause an average of 18,000 fires a year that includes 1,300 structure fires, 300 vehicle fires, and 16,900 outdoor and other fires. These fires cause \$43 Million in Property Damage.

In 2017 Hospital Emergency Rooms treated an estimated 12,900 people for Fireworks related injuries. Children under 15 years of age accounted for over 36% of those treated.

Recent changes to the laws in New Jersey allow the sale of sparklers and other novelty ground poppers. Remember, anything that can be fired or shot in the air is still illegal.

Please be aware that sparklers account for over 1/4 of the burn injuries for children under 15 years old. It should be noted that Sparklers burn at over 1,200 degrees!!

There are many Professional Fireworks displays scheduled around the County during July. Among them is the opening day of the Monmouth County Fair.

Enjoy your Barbecue's and picnics, and please be safe. If you want to see fireworks, go to a public show put on by experts. Leave it up to the Professionals!!

