# Fireworks Safety

**Practice these four points and have a great time**

## BE AWARE:
- Use only legal fireworks
- Only use fireworks in approved areas
- Check with your local authorities
- Fireworks are prohibited in Baltimore City, Montgomery, Prince George’s, Harford, and Howard counties as well as Ocean City.

## BE SAFE:
- Only adults shall light fireworks
- Keep ignition sources away from children
- Use fireworks only outdoors
- Light only one firework at a time & move quickly away from the firework
- Keep children and pets away from fireworks
- Never light fireworks in your hand
- Never throw fireworks

## BE RESPONSIBLE:
- Soak used fireworks in a bucket of water
- Clean up debris from fireworks
- Never attempt to re-light a firework that did not go off
- Wait 15-20 minutes if a firework did not go off then soak in a bucket of water

## BE PREPARED:
- Store fireworks out of children’s reach
- Always read and follow label directions
- Always have garden hose or buckets of water in the area of where fireworks are being used
- Place pets indoors since the light and sounds frighten them

For more information contact the Maryland State Fire Marshal’s Office at **1-800-525-3124** or visit [http://www.mdsp.org/firemarshal](http://www.mdsp.org/firemarshal)