

Fireworks

Every year thousands of people - most of them children - are treated in emergency rooms for serious injuries related to fireworks. Fireworks (sparklers and firecrackers included) are not toys. We recommend they be used only by trained professionals. The only safe way to enjoy fireworks is at a distance. If you still plan on using fireworks and/or sparklers, despite these warnings:

- **Obtain prior approval from our Fire Department by calling 613-498-2460 or emailing fireadmin@ektwp.ca.**
- Purchase your fireworks from a reliable source; stay away from illegal explosives. "Firecrackers" are unsafe and illegal.
- Never experiment or make your own fireworks.
- Do not allow children to play with them.
- Read and follow all instructions on the label.
- Light fireworks outdoors away from houses and flammable materials. Be sure people and pets are out of range and be aware of dry conditions.
- Light only one firework at a time. Wear eye protections and gloves while lighting fireworks.
- Never throw or point fireworks at other people.
- Keep a bucket of water handy.
- Don't try to re-light or handle malfunctioning fireworks. Soak them with water and throw them away.
- Never ignite fireworks in a container, especially one made of metal or glass.
- Store fireworks in a dry cool place.

Fireworks can often scare pets who may attempt to run away. It is recommended pets are kept inside, preferably with a radio or TV on to dampen the noise, to allow them to feel less anxious. If you must have your pet outside, keep them on a leash and within your control at all times.

