



Greater Omaha Chapter

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**Fireworks Safety:
It's Everyone's Celebration!**

First – consider your options

- Attend a free public display!
- Put on your own show!
- Attend the show of a friend / neighbor / family member.
- Do nothing.

Purchase Legal Fireworks

- Purchase anywhere in Nebraska.
 - All have been reviewed by the Nebraska Fire Marshall
 - Support local non-profits and businesses
- Purchases made out of state may not be legal.
- Nebraska now allows many of the same fireworks allowable in Missouri and South Dakota

Choose Age Appropriate Fireworks

- Young children – below age 7 – should never handle fireworks – including sparklers, snakes, poppers.
- Kids age 8 – 12 must be closely supervised. One on one preferred,
- Kids age 12 – 17 must be supervised by a responsible, sober adult.
- Adults should be alcohol/drug free when lighting / supervising.

Fireworks Yes: Horseplay No!

- Don't allow horseplay or running with, near, or around fireworks.
- Older children with sparklers should stay in one place; others should stay back.

Duds Aren't Always Dead

- Assume duds are continuing to smolder
- Give them at least 20 minutes before going near them
- Soak them in water before disposal

Plan Your Show

- Plan during daylight hours. Consider height of explosions, fallout area, wind changes.
- Place spectators away from fallout area
- Be sure fallout area doesn't include buildings, cars, or other property
- Be prepared to change shooting area if winds change

Water, Water Everywhere!

- A bucket of water is critical to being able to:
 - Soak duds
 - Soak burned hands / arms
 - Put incipient fires out
- A hose, connected and “on” is also good for:
 - Wetting duds before moving them
 - Slightly larger fires
 - Replacing bucket of water after use

First Aid Kit

- Have a First Aid Kit nearby that contains at least:
 - Instructions for treating burns 1st, 2nd, 3rd Degree
 - Sterile cloths – to wet with cool water, or place between ice pack and skin
 - Bandages
 - Tweezers
 - Bottle of sterile water – for flushing eyes, wounds / instant ice pack

When Lighting Fireworks

- Always follow manufacturer's instructions for lighting – listed on the package.
- Don't tie / tape fireworks together. This could cause an out of control explosion.
- Don't use "old" fireworks. Some fireworks material can become unstable over time.
- Light only one device at a time.
- Never light fireworks in containers.

Dress for Lighting Success!

- Wear close fitting clothing
- Always wear sturdy shoes
- Wear safety glasses

Use a Designated Shooter

- Preferably an adult
- Sober
- Wearing Safety Glasses

Be A Good Neighbor

- Cleanup when you are done!

Enjoy the 4th of July!

