

Fireworks Dangers

In 2014, an Estimated 10,500 People Were Sent to the Emergency Room For Treatment of Firework-Related Injuries.



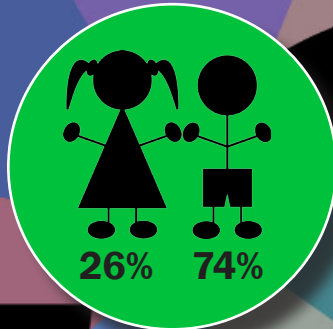
**Head, Face, Ears -
1,300 injuries (19%)**

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**Hands & Fingers-
2,500 injuries (35%)**

**Arms -
300 injuries (5%)**

Injuries By Gender



**Trunk -
800 injuries (11%)**

**Legs -
700 injuries (10%)**

Our studies show that parental supervision is not enough to prevent consumer fireworks injuries to children – in fact, children who are simply bystanders and not even handling the fireworks are often injured, said Gary A. Smith, MD, DrPH, president of the Child Injury Prevention Alliance, and a pediatric emergency medicine physician at Nationwide Children’s Hospital-Columbus. The words that I hear when parents bring their child crying in pain to the emergency department after a firework injury are always the same: ‘Doctor, I can’t believe that this happened to my child. I was standing right there, but it happened so fast that I could not do anything in time to stop it from happening’. These are good parents who simply believed the myth that these products could be used safely. Do not make that mistake with your family.”