FOURTH OF JULY – FIREWORKS SAFETY
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AS WE GEAR UP FOR A HOLIDAY WEEKEND, IT’S IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER TO CELEBRATE SAFELY—ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO FIREWORKS.

{**TAKE VO**}
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BAYLOR UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER TRAUMA SURGEON DR. LAURA PETREY SAYS FIREWORK INJURIES RESULTING IN BLINDNESS AND AMPUTATION ARE COMMONLY SEEN IN THE E-R. SHE CAUTIONS PEOPLE NEVER TO LIGHT A FIREWORK WHILE HOLDING IT—AND IF ONE SEEMS TO MALFUNCTION—DON’T TRY TO LIGHT IT AGAIN. AND IF YOU THINK SPARKLERS MIGHT BE A SAFER FIREWORK-ALTERNATIVE, CONSIDER THIS:

{**TAKE SOT**}
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“Sparklers are more dangerous than you think... they actually are at a temperature of 2000 degrees and can actually cause some metals to melt, so just think about that kind of heat getting on your skin.”

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ENSURING YOUR FIREWORKS ARE LEGAL—NOT USING FIREWORKS WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS OR ALCOHOL—AND KEEPING A BUCKET OF WATER NEARBY ARE ALL GOOD WAYS TO CELEBRATE MORE SAFELY, ACCORDING TO PETREY.