



# The East Side Flyer

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## FIREWORKS

Each year, fireworks injure thousands and cause thousands of fires.



Fireworks cause an estimated **18,500** reported fires in the U.S. each year.

U.S. hospital emergency rooms saw an estimated 10,500 people for fireworks-related injuries in 2014.



Yes, they can be lots of fun, but in the wrong hands they can be deadly.

10 out of 10 first responders want you to stay safe this 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Sometimes a picture IS worth a thousand words.

Fireworks Injuries by Body Part

Eye  
**19%**

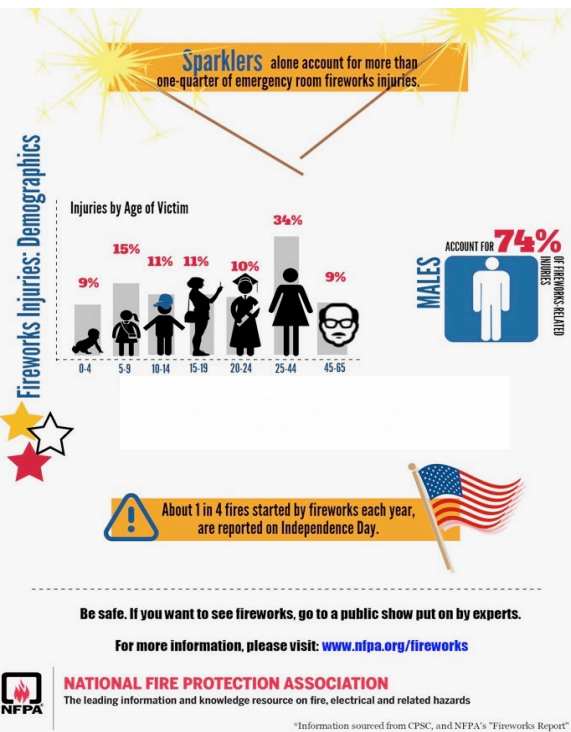
Arm  
**5%**

Hand or Finger  
**36%**

Head, Face or Ear  
**19%**

Trunk or Other  
**11%**

Leg  
**10%**



## OUTDOOR ENTERTAINING

It's that time of year. Summer and our great weather are perfect for having friends over for a barbecue or outdoor party. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has lots of good information on summer safety.

### THE NUMBERS

- Outside fireplaces/fire pits cause about 3700 grass and brush fires annually.
- Outdoor patio heaters and fire pit injuries have nearly tripled in 10 years.
- An average of 8800 home fires involve grills, hibachis or barbecues each year.
- About half of injuries involving barbecue/hibachi grilling are thermal burns.

### BARBECUES AND HIBACHIS

- Place your grill away from your home, deck railings, and out from under the eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least 3 feet from the grill area.
- Clean your barbecue to remove grease buildup from the grate and tray.
- Never leave a lighted barbecue or hibachi unattended.
- If using charcoal, use a chimney or electric starter. If using starter fluid, use only to start the fire. Never add starter fluid or other flammable liquids to the fire. Keep starter fluid out of reach of children.
- If using propane, check your system for leaks at the beginning of the grilling season or once a year.

### CANDLES AND PATIO TORCHES

- Never place near flammables. Keep children and pets away. Nearly half of fires from candles start when flammables are too close to the candle. Consider using flameless candles, which look very real.



**ESFD IS PROUD TO CONGRATULATE THE 12 GRADUATES OF OUR RECENT  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN CLASS!!**



## HIGHWAY 97 AND BURMA ROAD TRASH CLEANUP

Many thanks to the East Side Fire volunteers who collected 58 large bags of garbage from our scenic highway.

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