

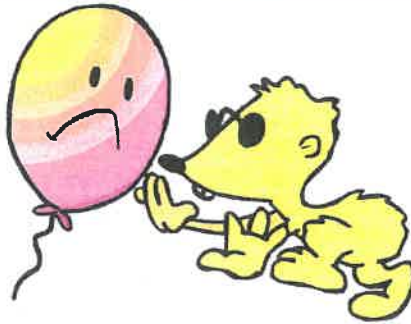


Back Door Reading From your Health Ministries



SAFETY & FIREWORKS

There is no safe way for nonprofessionals to use fireworks. It is only safe to enjoy the splendor and excitement of fireworks at a professional display.



Fireworks accounted for approximately 8,800 injuries treated in U.S. hospital emergency rooms in the year 2002. Nearly 14 percent were eye-related.



Believe it or not - bystanders are injured more often than the people who fire off the fireworks.



There were an estimated 1,200 eye injuries - the second most commonly injured body part.

Sparklers can heat up to 1800 degrees Fahrenheit, hot enough to melt gold.



Sparklers, firecrackers, bottle rockets and roman candles each contributed to 17% of eye injuries. Almost half (49%) of the injuries were to children under age 15.



If an accident does occur, these steps can help save your child's sight.

- Take the child to the emergency room at once!
- Do not rub the eye.
- Do not attempt to rinse out the eye.
- Do not apply pressure to the eye
- Do not apply ointment or stop for medicine.

Enjoy fireworks at professional displays!

