FREWORKS DANGERS

In 2020, an estimated 15,600 people were sent to the emergency room for treatment of fireworks-related injuries*- a 20 year high!

50% were to Innocent Bystanders

Eyes

2,496 injuries (16%)

Head, Face, Ears

3,432 injuries (22%)

Arms

1,872 injuries (12%)

Injuries by Gender

(71%)

(29%)







Hands & Fingers

4,680 injuries (30%)

Trunk

1,092 injuries (7%)

Legs

2,028 injuries (13%)

"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.

*A. Marier, B. Smith, S. Lee (2021), "2020 Fireworks Annual Report", U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission