

## Keep sparklers in safe hands

Sparklers, like other fireworks, must be used with care. They can get 6 times as hot as a pan of cooking oil and sparkler injuries have been on the increase. It makes sense to keep sparklers in safe hands.

### Safety with sparklers

- Store sparklers and other fireworks in a closed box in a cool, dry place.
- Always light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves.
- Never hold a baby or child if you have a sparkler in your hand.
- Plunge finished sparklers hot end down into a bucket of water as soon as they have burnt out. They can stay hot for a long time.
- Don't take sparklers to public displays. It will be too crowded to use them safely.

### Children and sparklers

- Never give sparklers to the under 5s – they will not understand how to use them safely.
- Always supervise children using sparklers.
- Give children gloves to wear when holding sparklers.
- Avoid dressing children in loose or flowing clothes – they may catch light.
- Show children how to hold sparklers – away from their body and at arm's length.
- Teach children not to wave sparklers near anyone else or run while holding them.

### In an emergency

- Cool the burn or scald with cold water for at least 10 minutes.
- Cut around material sticking to the skin – don't pull it off.
- Don't touch the burn or burst any blisters.
- Cover the burn with clean, non-fluffy material – cling film is ideal – to prevent infection.
- If clothing catches fire, get the person to stop, drop to the floor and roll them in heavy material like a curtain.
- Get advice from your doctor or accident and emergency department at your local hospital.

