

## Safety for our children

Attention: All School Principals

Please consider printing the following in the end of year newsletters that are often sent home by the schools to parents and children by local schools.

Fireworks displays are an American tradition, and we look forward to viewing these very exciting and enjoyable fireworks that celebrate our Independence Day with bursts of loud and colorful displays. Lately, instead of attending the professional displays, we have access to, and use "Consumer Fireworks" at home or in our neighborhoods.

The Florida "Fireworks and Sparkler Enforcement Guide" states that any fireworks that explode or leave the ground are illegal to use here in Florida, unless you sign a form and are using them to scare off birds from crops or fish hatcheries. (FS 791)

Thousands of children are hurt every year because of backyard fireworks displays, and we encourage you to attend the professional firework displays and leave this activity to the pyrotechnists. They create a fantastic show and your local police and fire personnel provide safeguards to insure you will have a great time.

We also encourage you to visit the following Government web site for more information on July 4<sup>th</sup> celebrations and safety.

[http://www.usa.gov/Topics/Independence\\_Day.shtml](http://www.usa.gov/Topics/Independence_Day.shtml) and type "fireworks safety" in the 'search' block

Be smart, stay safe and have a great summer!

Citizens for a Safer Florida