

## RESOURCES

For more information on fireworks and the law, please visit the following resources:

- ◆ For a list of approved sparklers, visit [www.fldfs.com/sfm](http://www.fldfs.com/sfm)
- ◆ Florida State Statutes-Ch. 791 <http://www.flsenate.gov/statutes/>
- ◆ Florida Administrative Code-Ch. 69A-50 Sparkler Registration and Testing
- ◆ For the National Fire Protection Agency's safety tips on fireworks safety. <http://www.nfpa.org/Fireworks>

## FOR FUN

Visit Sparky the Fire Dog at [www.nfpa.org/sparky/](http://www.nfpa.org/sparky/) to send a holiday card, along with other family stuff, games, and cool things to do!



**Have a happy  
and SAFE  
holiday!**

**Fireworks  
& Safety  
The Law**

For more information about fire prevention and safety, please call:

Bradenton Fire Department  
Fire Prevention Bureau  
941-932-9600

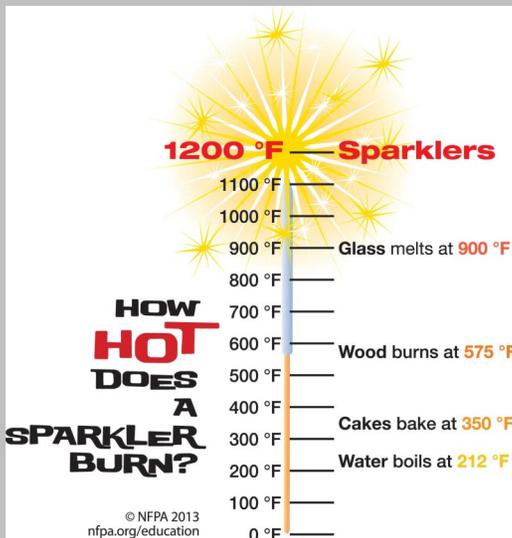
or visit  
[www.BradentonFireDepartment.org](http://www.BradentonFireDepartment.org)



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## THE FACTS

- ◆ On average fireworks cause almost 20,000 report fires every year.
- ◆ Nearly 10,000 people were treated for fireworks-related injuries in U.S. hospital emergency rooms for mostly burns along with contusions and lacerations.



- ◆ The tip of a sparkler (a permitted item) can reach temperatures of more than 1200 degrees Fahrenheit, which can easily cause a third degree burn.

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- ◆ Nearly 25% of fireworks related injuries are from sparklers.
- ◆ 1/4 of all injured were under the age of 15
- ◆ Over 1/2 of the injuries were to extremities with the majority of those being injuries to the hand or fingers.
- ◆ 89% of fireworks injuries treated in hospitals involved fireworks that Federal regulations permit consumers to use.

**The use of consumer fireworks can lead to devastating burns, other injuries, fires, and even death.**

**The Bradenton Fire Department does not endorse the use of consumer fireworks but instead encourages the public to enjoy displays of fireworks conducted by trained professionals.**

## THE LAW

The retailers that are legally allowed to sell sparklers to the general public are those such as convenience stores or supermarkets that are sprinklered buildings. These retailers should have a Certificate of Registration from the State Fire Marshal, authorizing the business to sell sparklers and be in compliance with Manatee County Ordinance 04-27. If within the City limits, they should also have a City of Bradenton business license.

In addition to sparklers, novelties and trick noisemakers (as defined and listed in Section 791.01, Florida Statutes) are approved for sale and use at all times. These items include smoke devices, party poppers, snappers, and snakes.

Examples of fireworks prohibited by law are anything that leaves the ground and/or explodes, such as launch-able rockets with stands, projectile fireworks, firecrackers, M80's, mortars, and bottle rockets.

