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National Safety Council Safety Advice

Leave Fireworks to the Experts



In 2017, [eight people died and over 12,000 were injured](#) badly enough to require medical treatment after fireworks-related incidents. Of these, 50% of the injuries were to children and young adults under age 20. Over two-thirds (67%) of injuries took place from June 16 to July 16. And while the majority of these incidents were due to amateurs attempting to use professional-grade, homemade or other illegal fireworks or explosives, an estimated 1,200 injuries were from less powerful devices like small firecrackers and sparklers. Additionally, [fireworks start an average of 18,500 fires each year](#), including 1,300 structure fires, 300 vehicle fires and nearly 17,000 other fires. (National Safety Council <https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/tools-resources/seasonal-safety/summer/fireworks>)

Stay Safe on the Water



With more than [11 million recreational](#) vessels registered in the U.S., millions of Americans are enjoying time on and in the water. In 2017, the [U.S. Coast Guard](#) reported 4,291 boating incidents that resulted in 658 deaths, 2,629 injuries and about \$46 million in property damage. Stay safe by being prepared and using the appropriate equipment, whether enjoying a ride on a motorized boat, paddling a kayak or wakeboarding. (National Safety Council, <https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/tools-resources/seasonal-safety/summer/fireworks>)

Bike Safely and Enjoy Your Ride



Bicycling is one of the best ways to get exercise, see the sights and reduce your carbon footprint. However, bicyclists face a host of hazards. They often must share the road with vehicles, and injuries can happen even on a designated path. The number of deaths from bicycle incidents increased 29% over an eight-year period, from 793 in 2010 to 1,024 in 2017, according to [Injury Facts®](#). Of the 1,024 bicyclist deaths in 2017, 679 involved motor vehicles. With about 80 million bicyclists sharing the road with motorized vehicles, it is vital bicyclists – and drivers – take some safety precautions. (National Safety Council, <https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/tools-resources/seasonal-safety/summer/bicycles>)



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