

# The Three B's Of Fireworks Safety

## **BE PREPARED**

### **BEFORE LIGHTING ANY FIREWORK**



- Know the [fireworks law](#) in Muscatine.
- Purchase only legal fireworks available at licensed stands.
- Ensure the safety of pets.
- Have a bucket of water nearby to place used fireworks.
- Keep a water hose or fire extinguisher nearby to put out stray sparks.
- Clear a level area away from things that can burn.
- Know the emergency number to call, the address/location you are at, and basic first aid.
- Teach children to “stop, drop, and roll” if their clothes catch fire.

## **BE SAFE**

### **WHEN FIREWORKS ARE BEING LIT**

- Use only outdoors on a level, flat, hard surface.
- Only adults should light fireworks.
- Use eye protection; wear safety goggles.
- Light one firework at a time and move away quickly.
- Do not lean over fireworks when lighting them.
- Do not relight fireworks.
- Keep spectators at a safe distance (recommend 20 feet from fireworks).
- Keep away from anything that can burn.
- Following the directions on the label carefully.
- Be considerate of your neighbors, family pets, and your environment.
- Obey the time restrictions for discharge.



## **BE RESPONSIBLE**

### **AFTER THE FIREWORKS ARE DONE**



- Clean up all debris when finished.
- Duds can be dangerous; if a fireworks item does not light or fire, an adult should wait at least 15 (fifteen) minutes, approach it carefully, and place it in a bucket of water.
- Make sure unused fireworks, matches, and lighters are out of sight and reach of children.
- Before throwing away any used fireworks, make sure they are cold. Soaking in a bucket of water for at least 10 minutes before placing the fireworks in a plastic garbage bag will ensure they won't catch anything on fire.

**Be Prepared | Be Safe | Be Responsible**