

## *Fireworks Safety*

There's really only one thing you need to know about consumer fireworks: all consumer fireworks are illegal in the City of Casper. That includes sparklers, firecrackers, cherry bombs, bottle rockets and even poppers. All consumer fireworks are illegal in the City of Casper.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) says there is no safe way to use consumer fireworks. According to NFPA research, there are far more U.S. fires reported on a typical Independence Day than on any other day, and fireworks account for more than half of those fires, more than any other cause of fires. In 2008, fireworks caused an estimated 22,500 reported fires, including 1,400 structure fires, 500 vehicle fires, and 20,600 outside and other fires. These fires resulted in an estimated \$42 million in direct property damage.

In 2008, 7,000 fireworks-related injuries were treated in U.S. hospital emergency rooms. The highest injury rates were for teenagers 15 to 19 and children aged 5 to 9.

The Casper Fire Community Risk Reduction Division urges you to obey the law and leave fireworks to professionals.

**Please contact the City of Casper Fire-EMS CRR Division at  
307-235-8222 if you have any questions.**