

## Eye injury

### Specks in the eye “if small and loose”

- Do not rub the eye.
- Wash the eye with gentle stream of saline or clean water or let tears wash the speck out.
- If unsuccessful, for an object on the white of the eye, try to remove it using the corner of a clean, moist cloth, cotton bud or tissue paper spear.
- Do not try to remove an object from the coloured part of the eye. Wash the eye with saline or clean water. If unsuccessful seek medical help.

### Cuts and punctures of the eye or eyelid or objects penetrating in the eye

- Do not wash out the eye with water or any other liquid.
- Do not try and remove object that is stuck in the eye.
- Do not give anything to eat or drink.
- Seek urgent medical help.



## Important contact information

In **emergency** situations dial

**000**

to contact Fire, Police or Ambulance

- Tell the operator which service you need - fire, police or ambulance.
- If you are calling from a mobile phone, you need to tell the operator the town and state you are calling from, then wait to be connected.

In **non emergency** situations dial

**8999 FIRE**  
**(8999 3473)**

to contact Northern Territory Fire and Rescue Service

For **non urgent** medical advice dial

**1800 022 222**

to contact Health Direct Australia

To report the sale of illegal fireworks dial

**1800 019 115**

to contact NT WorkSafe

Make your Territory Day celebration an event the whole family can enjoy.

## Be safe this Territory Day!

**NTWorkSafe**



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[www.fire.nt.gov.au](http://www.fire.nt.gov.au)

[www.nt.gov.au/health](http://www.nt.gov.au/health)





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On 1 July the Northern Territory (NT) celebrates the anniversary of self governance. For one day only the public are allowed to purchase fireworks from retailers between 9.00 am and 9.00 pm on 1 July and light fireworks between 6.00 pm and 11.00 pm. Fireworks are explosives and must be handled with care and respect to prevent injury and property damage. A good way to enjoy fireworks on Territory Day is to attend one of the Northern Territory Government funded public fireworks displays around the NT.

If you are using your own fireworks, follow these safety tips to reduce the chances of injury to your family and friends.

## Be prepared

- Only buy fireworks from a licensed retailer. Illegal fireworks can be extremely dangerous.
- Clear an area 10 metre in diameter as an ignition site. Clear any flammable material such as dry grass or mulch and consider hosing the area down before releasing fireworks. Allow only one firework at a time in the cleared area.
- Have a hose or a couple of buckets of water ready.
- Keep your fireworks in a covered container or have a responsible person look after them.

## Using fireworks safely

- Always read and follow the label directions carefully and use common sense.
- Stabilize fireworks on a flat surface or in a sand bucket to ensure they don't fall over when firing. Be especially careful with multi-shot fireworks.
- Use a joss / incense stick instead of lighters or matches for safer ignition.
- Never point or throw lit fireworks towards other people or have any part of your body over a firework.
- Don't inspect or try to re-light a "dud" firework if it hasn't gone off as it could still explode. Wait 15 minutes then pour water over it.
- Never hold more than one lit sparkler at a time. It can cause a "super ignition" which can shower the hand with extremely hot embers and flame. Hold sparklers at arm's length and dispose of them in a bucket of sand or water.
- Wear cotton clothing around fireworks. Synthetic clothing may catch fire from stray sparks.
- Never ignite aerial fireworks near or below a tree, near a building opening, overhead wires or anything else that it may hit.
- Wet down all fireworks debris during and after use. Don't drop them straight into a bin or leave them unattended. You can be fined if you start a fire by careless use of fireworks.

## Children and pet safety

- Never give fireworks to children under 12 years of age and always supervise children.
- Sparklers can be very dangerous and should never be given to children under 5 years of age. Supervise children to ensure they hold sparklers at arms length.
- Make sure your pets are safe indoors. Fireworks will frighten your pets.

## What to do if there is a burn injury

- Remove the person safely from heat source.
- Remove clothing to help heat escape. If clothes are stuck to the skin leave them on.
- Cool the area immediately by submerging or gently pouring on cold water for at least 15 minutes, for example stand in a shower. Never use ice, oil, butter or ointment.
- Cover the area with cling wrap. Keep the person warm.
- Get help. A burn larger than a postage stamp requires medical attention. All deep burns of any size require urgent hospital treatment.

