



**PRESS RELEASE**

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***90 Days of Summer Safety: Firework Safety***

**June 29, 2009** (Fort Worth, Texas) MedStar EMS encourages residents to celebrate our nation's heritage on the Fourth of July, but celebrate safely.

While it is against the law to use or even possess fireworks in the City of Fort Worth, as well as almost every incorporated city in the area, the holiday will inevitably bring 9-1-1 calls.

MedStar recommends these firework safety tips from the National Council on Fireworks Safety:

- Use fireworks outdoors only.
- Obey local laws. If fireworks are not legal where you live, do not use them.
- Always have water handy. (A hose or bucket).
- Only use fireworks as intended. Don't try to alter them or combine them.
- Never relight a "dud" firework. Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.
- Use common sense. Spectators should keep a safe distance from the shooter and the shooter should wear safety glasses.
- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix. Have a "designated shooter."
- Only persons over the age of 12 should be allowed to handle sparklers of any type.
- Do not ever use homemade fireworks or illegal explosives: They can kill you! Report illegal explosives to the fire or police department.

### **90 Days of Summer Safety**

From June 15 thru September 7 MedStar EMS encourages the community to enjoy the summer activities safely through **90 Days of Summer Safety**. Each week a new summer-themed safety topic will be highlighted.

### **About MedStar**

MedStar is the exclusive emergency and non-emergency ambulance service provider to 15 Tarrant County cities including Blue Mound, Burleson, Edgecliff Village, Forest Hill, Fort Worth, Haltom City, Haslet, Lakeside, Lake Worth, River Oaks, Saginaw, Sansom Park, Westover Hills, Westworth Village, and White Settlement. Established in 1986, MedStar provides advanced life support ambulance service to 421 square miles and more than 860,000 residents in Tarrant County. MedStar responds to about 100,000 emergency calls a year with a fleet of 47 ambulances.

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