

Alcohol and Fireworks Don't Mix!

New Years Eve is a wonderful time to celebrate the start of a new year. And fireworks are a wonderful way of celebrating! However, all too often, New Years Eve festivities involve excess alcohol. Just like driving and drinking do not mix, shooting consumer fireworks and drinking *absolutely* do not mix.

If you are at a party for New Years Eve where consumer fireworks are being shot, make sure that there is a designated shooter who has not been drinking *any* alcohol. Even a small quantity of alcohol (one beer, a glass of wine) can impair one's judgment and ability to properly set up and use consumer fireworks safely.

Nancy Blogin, President of the National Council on Fireworks Safety notes: "Each New Years Eve, consumers are injured because their judgment has been impaired by beer, wine, or other alcoholic drink. The lesson is simple: alcohol and fireworks don't mix".

In addition, the National Council reminds shooters of consumer fireworks of these other important safety tips:

- Only use fireworks outdoors.
- Obey all local laws regarding the use of fireworks.
- Never give fireworks to young children.
- Wear safety glasses when shooting fireworks.
- Always have a bucket of water, or water hose, nearby.

And remember, **ALCOHOL AND FIREWORKS DON'T MIX!**

The National Council on Fireworks Safety is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization whose sole mission is to educate the public on the safe and responsible use of consumer fireworks. For a full list of consumer fireworks safety tips and the Council's safety videos, please visit www.FireworksSafety.org.

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