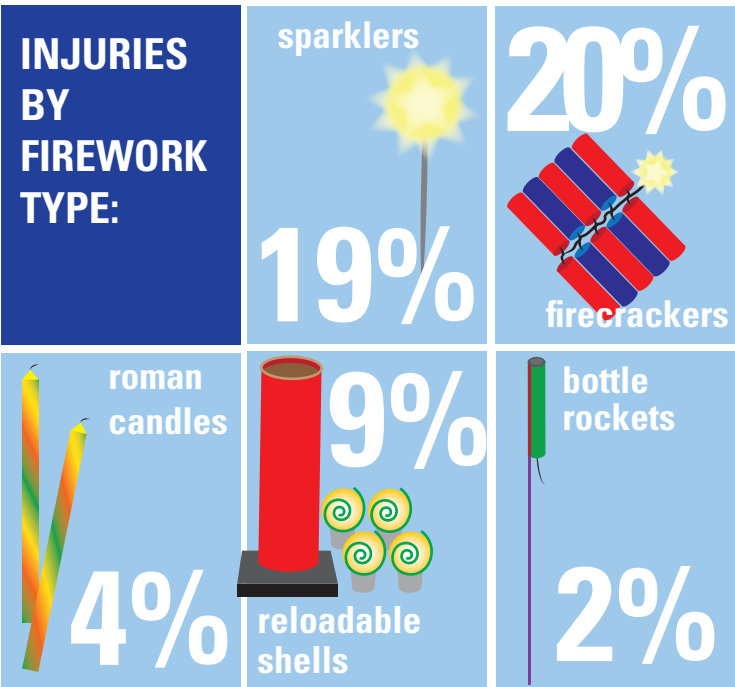
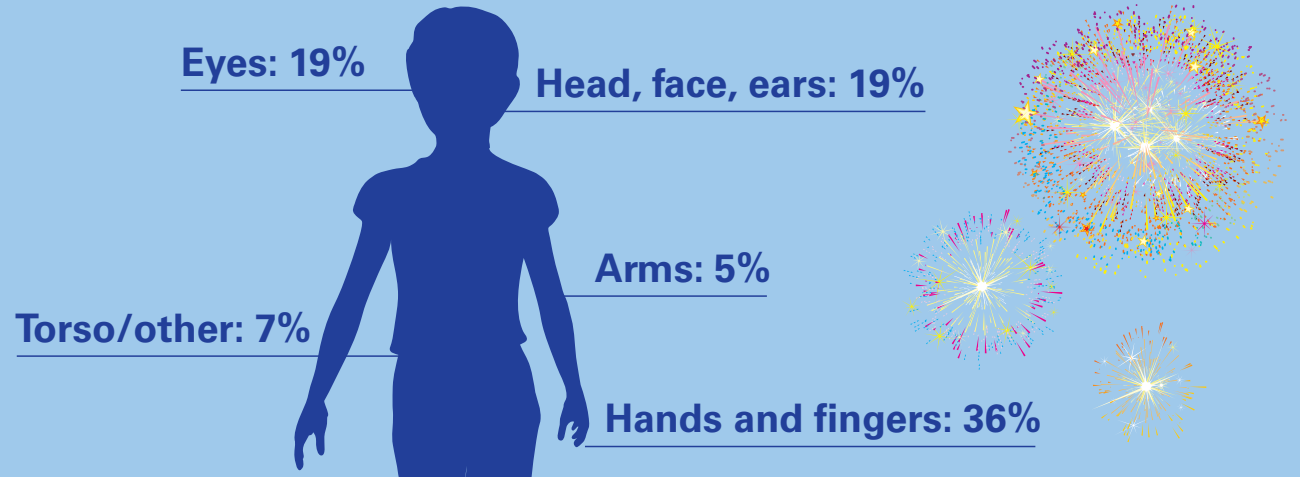


FIREWORKS DANGERS

In 2014, an estimated 10,500 people were sent to the emergency room for treatment of firework-related injuries.

Over a 1 month period surrounding the Fourth of July (June 20-July 20, 2014), approximately 7,000 firework injuries were treated in emergency departments:



More than **1/2 (54%)** of all injuries were burns

Nearly 35% of injuries occurred in children under 15 years old

Prevent Blindness North Carolina urges you to celebrate safely! Fireworks are extremely dangerous. Do not purchase, use or store fireworks of any type. Protect yourself, your family and your friends by avoiding fireworks. Attend only authorized public fireworks displays conducted by licensed operators, but be aware that even professional displays can be dangerous.

References: US Consumer Product Safety Commission's 2014 Fireworks Annual Report

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