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## Important Tips for a Safe and Fun Fourth of July Weekend

**SANTA ANA, California (July 2, 2010)** – Fireworks are a prevalent and exciting way to celebrate the upcoming Fourth of July weekend, but they can also be dangerous if not used correctly. Universal Services of America has compiled a list of items to consider when planning and enjoying your Fourth of July celebrations. Stay safe and have fun!

- **The best way to stay safe is to avoid the home use of fireworks altogether** and attend a public community display instead.
- **Are fireworks legal in your area?** Not all communities allow the use of fireworks; always ensure that they are allowed before you purchase or use them.
- **Buy only legal fireworks with a manufacturer's label** and store them in a cool, dry place.
- **Fireworks are for outdoor use only and should be used as intended;** do not alter or combine them in any way.
- **An adult should always supervise the use of fireworks;** never allow young children to ignite or play with fireworks. Even sparklers can cause serious injuries, as they can burn at temperatures near 2,000 degrees.
- **Never shoot fireworks off in glass or metal containers,** and do not relight any that fail to function the first time.
- **In the event of an accidental fire,** always keep a supply of water near the area where you light the fireworks.
- **Light only one firework at a time,** do not hold it over any part of your body and move away from the item as soon as it has ignited.
- **Once you have finished,** remember to douse the used fireworks with water to prevent fire.
- **Fireworks and alcohol can be a deadly combination;** make sure the adult who is lighting them has not had anything to drink.
- **If any injury occurs,** run cool water over the burn and seek medical attention immediately.

For additional security tips, please visit: <http://www.universalpro.com/SecurityUpdates.html>

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