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Firework Safety

Thousands of children are injured annually while utilizing “Class C” fireworks such as sparklers, fire crackers, and bottle rockets. Many parents don’t realize that sparklers burn at a temperature greater than 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit. In fact, an estimated 1200 patients were treated in emergency departments in 2010 for injuries associated with sparklers alone. Injuries from fireworks can be severe including full thickness burns, requiring skin grafts, and vision threatening injuries. The American Academy of Pediatrics urges families to enjoy professional firework displays instead of purchasing fireworks for individual use. Pediatricians should educate parents and children regarding the dangers of fireworks.

Available at: <http://www.nfpa.org/>

Congratulations 2012 I-EMSC Health Care Hero Award Winners

Congratulations to this year’s winners! Thank you to Jeff Melvin, Katie Miller, Brian Taylor, Troy Albert, Kama Grund, Angel Perry, and Mona Kraeszig for rendering excellent care to children within your communities in the area(s) of dispatch of emergency care, pre-hospital care, emergency/hospital care, public safety, community leadership, and pediatric community advocacy work.

I-EMSC Pediatric Evidence Based Model Protocols

I-EMSC is proud to release our first model protocols. Protocols for Pediatric Seizure and Hypoglycemia are now available at: <http://www.indianaemsc.org/resources/protocols/>.

EMS Personnel Identifying At Risk Families

EMS personnel have the unique opportunity to perform education and assessments of patients in their home environments. When EMS personnel identify an at risk family in need of services; providers can refer them to the **Indiana Family Helpline at 855-435-7178**. Resources available include: housing, daycare, clothing, mental health, women’s health and family planning, substance abuse programs, food services, dental care, respite care information, Medicaid information, and more.

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