

Minooka Fire Protection District

Smoke Signals

The dedicated members of the Minooka Fire Protection District strive to provide reliable emergency services, public education and awareness for our customers in a cost effective and responsible manner.

Swimming Safety Tips



Swimming is a great recreational sport that can be enjoyed by all ages. It's important to know how to be safe while you are in or near the water. Here are a few safety tips to be aware of before you head out to the pool or beach:

- Never swim alone
- An adult should supervise child at all times, even when there is a lifeguard on duty
- Knowing CPR can help save a life
- Make sure everyone in the family learns to swim.
- If you have a pool, secure it with appropriate barriers.
- Protect your skin. Limit the amount of direct sunlight and wear sunscreen with at least a SPF 15.

Babysitting Class

Kids...interested in making a few dollars this summer?? This class is for you! If you are 11-15 years old, sign up today! Visit our website for more information: www.minookafire.com

- June 12 8a-3p Friday
- June 26 8a-3p Friday

Leave fireworks to the professionals



In 2013, eight people died and about 11,400 were injured badly enough to require medical treatment after fireworks-related incidents, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. And while the majority of these incidents were due to amateurs attempting to use professional-grade, home-made or other illegal fireworks or explosives, 40 percent were from legal, less powerful devices.

Fireworks also are responsible for thousands of home fires each year. The National Fire Protection Association reports that in 2011, fireworks caused about 1,200 structure fires.

Sparklers

Every year, young children can be found along parade routes and at festivals with sparklers in hand, but they are a lot more dangerous than most people think. Parents don't realize they burn at about 2,000 degrees – hot enough to melt some metals. Sparklers can quickly ignite clothing, and many children have received severe burns from dropping sparklers on their feet.



Sky Lanterns

Yes, sky lanterns are illegal in Illinois. Sky lanterns present a potential risk for injuries and fires. The paper-made lanterns contain a small candle or fuel cell that, when lit, heats the air into the lantern, making it rise into the air. Sky lanterns travel a long distance without any control of their final destination. They have been known to cause residential and forest fires, as well as other losses. They also represent a hazard to aviation and a distraction to vehicular traffic.



So, this July 4th grab a blanket, a patch of lawn and let the professionals impress your family.