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Fireworks safety – first aid

Shopgoods fireworks are designed for public use and are tested for safety when handled properly. However, they are still explosive items capable of causing serious burns, injuries, or fire if misused.

Follow these safety tips on first aid:

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|  | REMOVE | <p>Act quickly to prevent further injury and stop the burning process. Immediately move the person away from the firework, sparkler or hot debris.</p> <p>If clothing is on fire, stop the person from running—this fans the flames. Immediately drop them to the ground and roll them to smother the flames.</p> |
|  | REMOVE | <p>Remove clothing to help heat escape. If clothes are stuck to the skin, do not pull off, instead, cut around it.</p> |
|  | REMOVE | <p>Remove any jewellery near the burn unless stuck as the area may swell.</p> |
|  | COOL IT | <p>Place the burned area under cool running water for 15–20 minutes. This can be done by standing in the shower.</p> <p>This stops the burning process and reduces tissue damage.</p> <p>NEVER USE ICE, OIL, BUTTER OR OINTMENTS/CREAMS as these can worsen the damage.</p> |
|  | COVER | <p>After cooling under water, cover the injury with cling film or a clean plastic bag. This helps the spread of infection by keeping the wound area clean.</p> <p>Cling film or plastic bags are ideal for burns as they do not stick to the wound. It can also reduce the pain by keeping air from the skin's surface.</p> |
|  | GET HELP | <p>Seek medical attention for all burns. A burn larger than a postage stamp requires medical attention.</p> <p>All deep burns of any size require urgent hospital treatment.</p> |
|  | EYES | <p>Do not rub, press, or rinse the eye, and do not try to remove stuck objects.</p> <p>Cover the eye with a rigid shield (for example a paper cup) and seek immediate urgent medical attention.</p> |
|  | EMERGENCY | <p>In an emergency call 000 for an ambulance.</p> |