

## Firefighters gear up for July 4

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According to Steve Sudderth, Fire Marshal for Watauga County, it isn't the fire danger that has firefighters on edge on Independence Day.

More than fires- emergency workers see a lot of personal injuries today.

Adults should never allow children to handle fireworks, he says. Illegal fireworks cause the most injuries he says- even adults should avoid the illegal projectile fireworks.

Mistakes happen- and they could be detrimental to fingers and faces.

**Be safe, and don't hesitate to call rescue workers if the situation gets out of control, he says.**