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July 4th Holiday Hours

Our office will be dosed Saturday, July 4th. On call services are always available.

Summer Walk-In Hours Available

While we hope your

Hello!

In this edition of our newsletter we will discuss fireworks safety, licensed child care resource, and walk-in hours for newborns.

Some Like It Hot, But Not THAT HOT!

It's July and that means it's time for fireworks, sparklers, cook-outs and, unfortunately for many, trips to the emergency room. As we celebrate the birthday of our wonderful country it is a good time to warn, strongly, about the risks of fireworks. Some of the statistics surrounding fireworks injuries are astounding!

In 2013, U.S. hospital emergency rooms saw an estimated 11,400 people for fireworks- related injuries. The injury estimates were obtained from the Consumer Product Safety Commission's 2013 Fireworks Annual Report. The detailed statistics below are based only on injuries seen from June 21- July 21, 2013.



- Over three out of five (62%) of the 2013 fireworks injuries were burns, while just over one-fifth (22%) were contusions or lacerations.
- Two out of five (40%) people injured by fireworks were under the age of 15.
- Males accounted for three-fifths (57%) of the injuries.
- The risk of fireworks injury was highest for the 0-4 age group, followed by children 10 to 14 years of age.
- Sparklers alone accounted for 41% of the emergency room fireworks injuries in 2013. *Sparklers accounted for four out of five (79%) of the injuries to children under five.*

Please pay special attention to the last bullet - sparklers are not a "safe"

choice. Sparklers burn at the same temperature as a blow torch! Would child doesn't need to you let your child handle a blow torch? see us for an illness or accident, those things When you consider the risks we recommend you take your child or do happen. If your child children to observe a show put on by professionals and always stay a safe distance from where the explosives are being lit. wakes up sick or you pick him/her up from daycare and can tell How to Find Licensed Child Care there is something wrong, bring them in One of the questions we hear most often is, "How can I find good child right away to be seen care?" Word of mouth within a by one of our physicians network of fellow parents is a good or nurse practitioners. place to start, but how do you know their definition of a healthy child care environment is the same as yours. Monday-Saturday We always recommend you choose a 8am-10am licensed daycare or child care. Monday-Thursday Licensed centers are reviewed by state agencies to ensure the safety of 4pm-6pm your child while under their care. The Indiana Association for Child Care Resource & Referral provides tools While an appointment is to find a licensed child care provider in your area. By clicking on the Free still best for a sport or Child Care button on their website, you are able to access a list of licensed camp physical, if you're daycares that meet your specific needs, access information about the in a pinch stop on in. quality of the child care program, and receive information about

Visit our website for more <u>helpful links</u> pertaining to the health and safety of your child.

Thank you so much for trusting us with the health of your family. We look forward to communicating more regularly with you through email, so stay tuned for more information pertinent to the health of your children.

community resources.

Sincerely,

Drs. Nassim, McMonigle, Mescia & Team