

# DERRY FIRE DEPARTMENT



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**For immediate release:**

**Incident # 2023 - 002682**

## **Fireworks Related Injury, Schurman Dr. Derry, NH**

On July 1, 2023, at 9:17 p.m., the Derry Fire - Emergency Communications Division received a 911 call reporting an individual had sustained injuries from fireworks on Schurman Drive. The Telecommunicator on duty dispatched Medic 4, and Engine 1 to the incident. The on-duty Battalion Chief (Car 1) also responded.

Upon arrival at the scene, Derry Fire crews located one adult male patient that had sustained serious injuries. Advanced life support care was provided, and the patient was transported to Elliot Hospital. A medical helicopter was requested, however, due to weather, was unavailable.

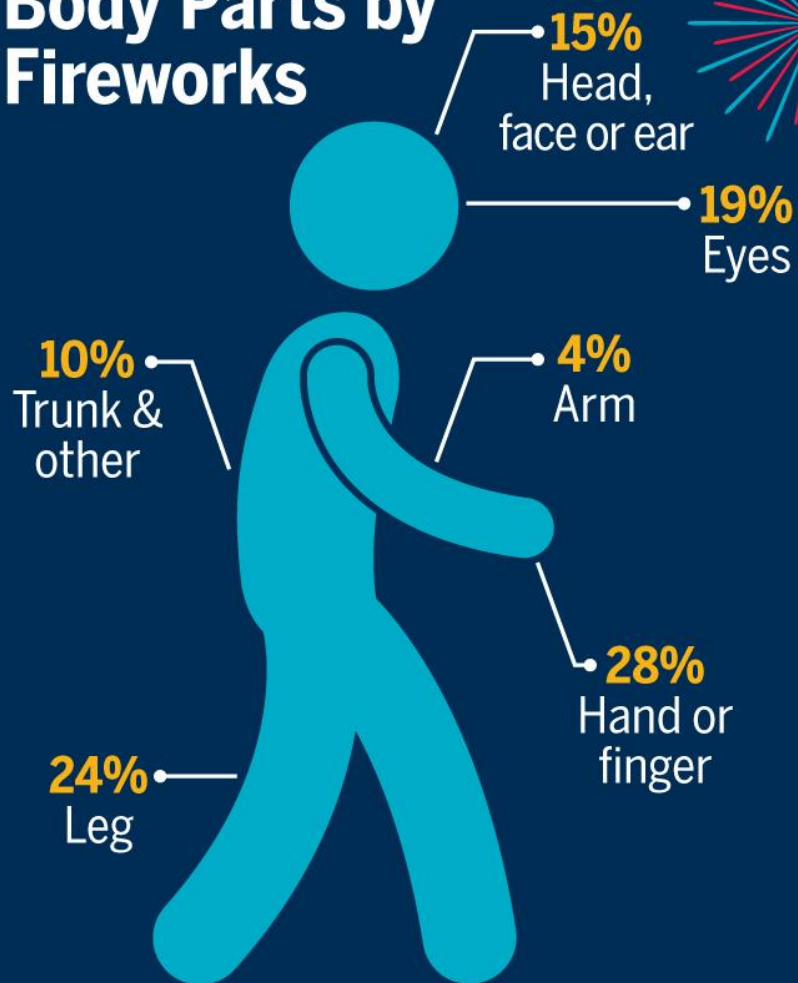
At the time of this release the scene remains active as Investigators from the Bureau of Fire Prevention review the circumstances and products involved.

The Derry Fire Department would like to take this time to offer the following public safety message regarding the use of fireworks:

- The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a professional display.
- If retail fireworks are a part of your celebration, please do so responsibly. Before using any fireworks, remember:
  - Never try to re-light fireworks that have not ignited fully.
  - Keep water or hose close-by in case of a fire.
  - Never carry fireworks in a pocket or shoot them off in metal or glass containers.
  - Never place any part of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse.
  - Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
  - After fireworks are discharged, douse the remaining packaging/device with water before discarding it to prevent a trash fire.
  - Never mix the use of fireworks with the use of alcohol or drugs

Fire Officer Submitting Release: Battalion Chief Greg Laro

# Most Injured Body Parts by Fireworks



**More than  
44% of  
the injuries  
were burns.**

\*Based on injuries during the month around July 4.  
Source: CPSC's 2018 Fireworks Annual Report by Tu and Ng.

