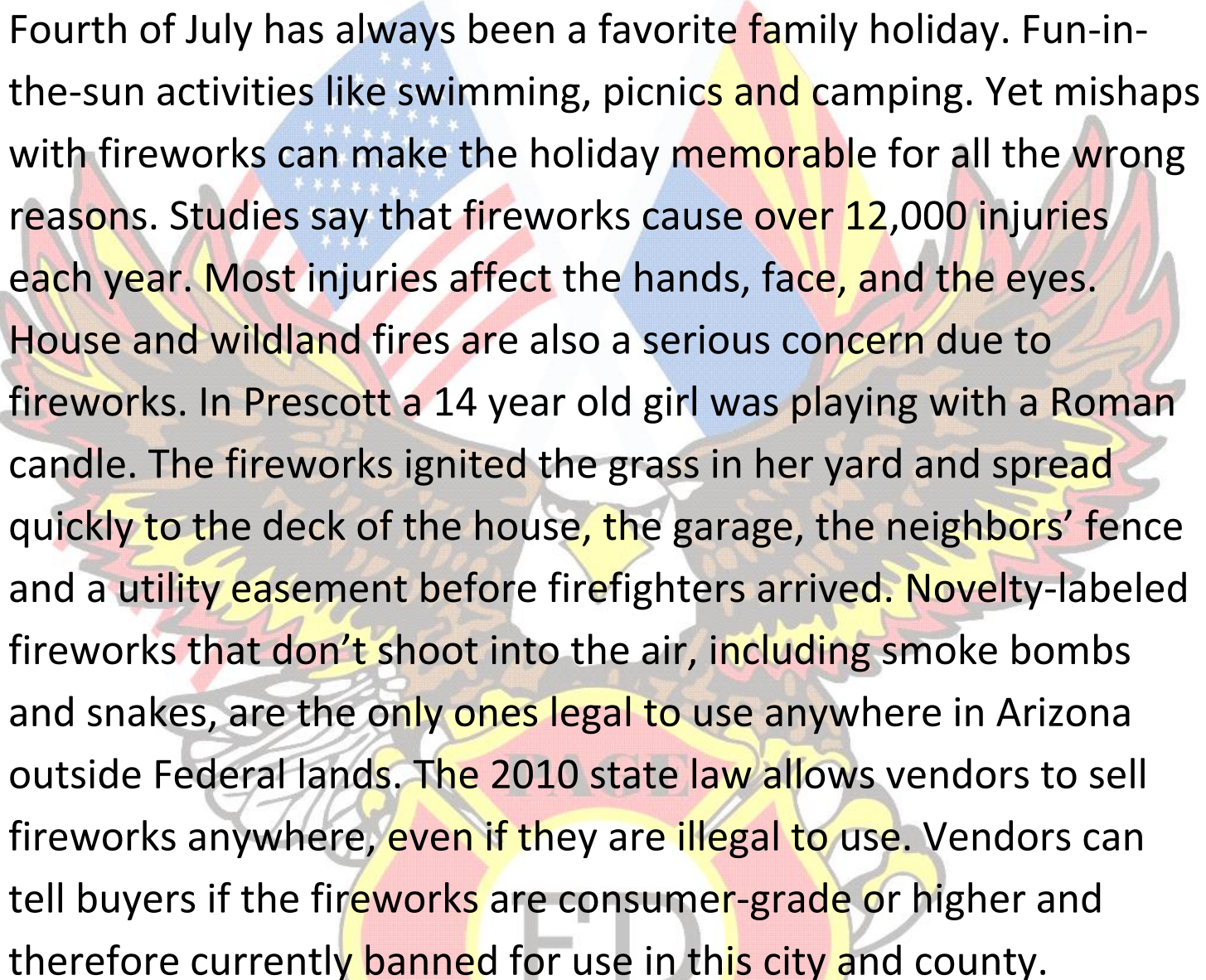


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SAFETY MESSAGE

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Leave Fire Works to the Professionals!



Fourth of July has always been a favorite family holiday. Fun-in-the-sun activities like swimming, picnics and camping. Yet mishaps with fireworks can make the holiday memorable for all the wrong reasons. Studies say that fireworks cause over 12,000 injuries each year. Most injuries affect the hands, face, and the eyes. House and wildland fires are also a serious concern due to fireworks. In Prescott a 14 year old girl was playing with a Roman candle. The fireworks ignited the grass in her yard and spread quickly to the deck of the house, the garage, the neighbors' fence and a utility easement before firefighters arrived. Novelty-labeled fireworks that don't shoot into the air, including smoke bombs and snakes, are the only ones legal to use anywhere in Arizona outside Federal lands. The 2010 state law allows vendors to sell fireworks anywhere, even if they are illegal to use. Vendors can tell buyers if the fireworks are consumer-grade or higher and therefore currently banned for use in this city and county.

This Independence Day, let's leave fireworks to the Professionals. Have a safe and happy 4th of July.

STAY FIRE SAFE!