

**Mayo Clinic Minute**

**Eyes on Firework Safety**

<b>Video</b>	<b>Audio</b>
<b>Vivien Williams</b>	Light, and get away. That warning is on firework labels for a reason.
<b>Jose Pulido, M.D.</b> <b>Ophthalmology</b> <b>Mayo Clinic</b>	“Fireworks are extremely dangerous, and I’ve seen extensive damage to hands, face and eyes.”
<b>Vivien Williams</b>	Mayo Clinic ophthalmologist Dr. Jose Pulido says summer time, especially during the Fourth of July holiday, is when most firework injuries happen. The Consumer Product Safety Commission reports that firework injuries are responsible for more than 10,000 ED visits a year. And, many of those injuries involve the eyes.
<b>Jose Pulido, M.D.</b>	“From just corneal abrasions all the way to such extensive damage that we have to remove the eyes.”
<b>Vivien Williams</b>	The CDC has the following firework safety tips: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Do not allow kids to light fireworks.</li><li>• Always have adult supervision.</li><li>• Watch from a safe distance</li></ul> And ...
<b>Jose Pulido, M.D.</b>	“If you’re out, and you see somebody that gets injured, they should go directly to the emergency room.”
	For the Mayo Clinic News Network, I’m Vivien Williams.