Keep sparklers in safe hands

A message to parents and carers from:

Child Accident Prevention Trust

Cadbury's Drinking Chocolate
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Sparklers, like other fireworks, must be used with care. They can get 6 times as hot as a pan of cooking oil and sparkler injuries have been on the increase. It makes sense to keep sparklers in safe hands.

Safety with sparklers
★ Store sparklers and other fireworks in a closed box in a cool, dry place.
★ Always light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves.
★ Never hold a baby or child if you have a sparkler in your hand.
★ Plunge finished sparklers hot end down into a bucket of water as soon as they have burnt out. They can stay hot for a long time.
★ Don’t take sparklers to public displays. It will be too crowded to use them safely.

Children and sparklers
★ Never give sparklers to the under 5s – they will not understand how to use them safely.
★ Always supervise children using sparklers.
★ Give children gloves to wear when holding sparklers.
★ Avoid dressing children in loose or flowing clothes – they may catch light.
★ Show children how to hold sparklers – away from their body and at arm’s length.
★ Teach children not to wave sparklers near anyone else or run while holding them.

In an emergency
★ Cool the burn or scald with cold water for at least 10 minutes.
★ Cut around material sticking to the skin – don’t pull it off.
★ Don’t touch the burn or burst any blisters.
★ Cover the burn with clean, non-fluffy material – cling film is ideal – to prevent infection.
★ If clothing catches fire, get the person to stop, drop to the floor and roll them in heavy material like a curtain.
★ Get advice from your doctor or accident and emergency department at your local hospital.