



Charlie's House is named in memory of Charlie Horn, a 2½ year old whose life tragically ended when a short dresser fell on him in his home.

Our mission to prevent accidents and injuries to children in and around the home is fulfilled through increasing awareness of safety risks, educating parents and caregivers, and distribution of safety devices.

## **Charlie's House – Safety Demonstration Home**

In 2020, we opened Charlie's House – Safety Demonstration Home, the nation's first safety simulation house, a focal point of our education program. Located on Hospital Hill in Kansas City, Missouri, Charlie's House is a place where parents and caregivers can learn how to make their homes safe. The Safety Demonstration Home features a room-by-room tour highlighting safety risks in a nursery, bedroom, bathroom, kitchen, staircase, living room, laundry area and garage. Also, the Safety Demonstration Home features a community room; a space designed for classroom education, parenting classes and safety seminars.

## **Individual and Group Tours**

We welcome individuals and groups to visit and tour the Safety Demonstration Home. Group tours are offered to all types of organizations including parents, children and community agencies. Additional safety resources are also available.

## **Visit the Safety Demonstration Home**

2425 Campbell St., Kansas City, Missouri 64108

## **To schedule a tour of Charlie's House – Safety Demonstration Home**

Visit our website – [www.charlieshouse.org](http://www.charlieshouse.org)

Email [info@charlieshouse.org](mailto:info@charlieshouse.org)

Call 816-591-1766

Scheduled workshops are listed on Charlie's House website.



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# Charlie's House Fireworks Safety Checklist

Fireworks and celebrations go together. Unfortunately, on average, 180 people go to the emergency room every day with fireworks-related injuries in the month around the July 4th holiday. However, there are precautions parents can take to prevent these injuries.

Here are a few safety tips you can follow to help keep children safe when around fireworks:

- Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks.
- Individuals should use them only under close adult supervision and have a "designated shooter".
- Avoid buying fireworks packaged in brown paper because this is often a sign that the fireworks were made for professional displays and could pose a danger to consumers.
- Never place any part of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse. Back up to a safe distance immediately after lighting fireworks.
- Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.
- Never point or throw fireworks at another animal or person.
- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishaps.
- Light fireworks one at a time, then move back quickly.
- Never carry fireworks in a pocket or shoot them off in metal or glass containers.
- Purchase fireworks only from a properly licensed retailer.
- Wear eye protection and earplugs if you have sensitive ears.
- Tie back long hair and do not wear loose-fitting clothes.
- Dispose of fireworks by soaking them in water and leaving them in a trash can.
- Never light fireworks indoors. Store fireworks in a cool, dry place. Do not save fireworks from season to season.

Sparklers burn at about 2,000 degrees – hot enough to melt some metals. Sparklers can quickly ignite clothing, and children have received severe burns from dropping sparklers on their feet. More than 25% of emergency room visits for fireworks injuries are from sparklers. For children under five years of age, sparklers accounted for nearly half of the total estimated injuries.



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Consider safer alternatives – give children glowsticks, colored streamers and/or make a craft instead.

For more information on fireworks and fire safety and preventing accidents and injuries due to burns, visit Charlie's House Safety Demonstration House at [www.charliehouse.org](http://www.charliehouse.org).

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