

## **2012**

### **SUMMARY OF FIREWORKS INJURIES IN ILLINOIS**

In June 2012, the Division of Fire Prevention requested data from 314 hospitals within the State to determine various facts about injuries associated with fireworks occurring during a four-week time period, which included the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.

Some of the information on our form was not filled out so we cannot give 100% accurate information. The number of responding hospitals is down from last year's 25% to 71 (23%) respondents. Of the 71 hospitals responding to our survey, 20 (6%) had no fireworks related injuries during the time period of June 23 through July 20, 2012.

There were 115 persons injured by fireworks this year. Injuries to males were 88 (77%) and to females were 27 (23%).

The firework causing the highest number of injuries was bottle rockets at 17%. The "unknown" was tallied at 18% and is usually marked when the person injured is not the one actually handling the firework, unfortunately they happen to be in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Injuries affecting fingers and hands were the highest percent this year, with a combined total of 37%. The second highest body part affected by fireworks was eyes at 15%. Burns were the leading type of injury at 51%.