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"Wash your hands, don't risk losing them" serves as key message behind new NFPA fireworks video, which vigorously discourages consumer use of fireworks

June 22, 2020 – "Wash your hands. Don't risk losing them." That's a key message behind a new fireworks video from National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA), which reinforces the dangers of consumer fireworks. According to NFPA's latest fireworks report, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 19,500 fires caused by fireworks in 2018, while U.S. hospital emergency rooms treated an estimated 9,100 non-occupational fireworks related injuries, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) data.

NFPA is encouraging media outlets to share this new video to help reduce the collective damage incurred by consumer fireworks, particularly as public displays have been canceled this year, and to ease the burden on first responders and emergency room workers who are on the frontlines of COVID-19.

Please view the video: *NFPA's fireworks video may be used in its entirety on online news sites and social media platforms*

For more information about the dangers of consumer fireworks, along with safety tip sheets and a wealth of resources to help enjoy the holiday safely, visit www.nfpa.org/fireworks.

For this release and other announcements about NFPA initiatives, research and resources, please visit the NFPA press room.

As all of us continue to navigate the evolving situation with COVID-19, NFPA remains committed to supporting you with the resources you need to minimize risk and help prevent loss, injuries, and death from fire, electrical, and other hazards. For information on NFPA's response to the coronavirus, please visit our webpage.

About the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)
Founded in 1896, NFPA is a global self-funded nonprofit organization devoted to eliminating death, injury, property and economic loss due to fire, electrical and related hazards. The association delivers information and knowledge through more than 300 consensus codes and standards, research, training, education, outreach and advocacy; and by partnering with others who share an interest in furthering the NFPA mission. For more information, visit www.nfpa.org. All NFPA codes and standards can be viewed online for free at www.nfpa.org/freeaccess.

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