# Celebrate Safely

## Introduction:

Celebrate safely at work and at home! The concept of celebrating safely has changed over the past few months. With many people working remotely, celebrating at work is much the same as celebrating at home. In this new world in which we live, during this global pandemic, the rules for celebrating have changed. Today, there seem to be different guidelines for different occasions. Social distancing guidelines make it more challenging to celebrate and have fun, but it can be done! If you plan to gather with friends or family over the Fourth of July weekend, do it safely.

## Discussion Points:

- Celebrate safely
- Follow recommended social distancing guidelines
- Leave the use of fireworks to the professionals
- Plan carefully

## Discussion:

First, remember that fireworks are illegal in many areas, and they can be very dangerous. There are ways to celebrate and have fun without fireworks. Leave the use of fireworks to the professionals. Many communities arrange fireworks displays for festive occasions. If you are not able to view fireworks safely in person, some of the most impressive firework demonstrations are shown on television and the fireworks display is often synchronized with patriotic music.

If you do plan to celebrate with a group, try to keep most of the celebration outside where there is more open space and fresh air. When there are people gathering, remember to follow guidelines set by the county or state in which you live. Most often, wearing a mask and keeping a distance of six feet between people is the best practice. Meeting with friends and celebrating at a restaurant may be a thing of the past, but that doesn't mean you can't still celebrate safely and have fun. This Fourth of July, you might celebrate with your immediate family, along with inviting others to join you online, using Facetime, Skype, Zoom, or Facebook groups. Regardless of how you choose to celebrate the Fourth of July, please weigh the risks and plan carefully to minimize exposure to COVID-19 and remember how your actions will affect others.

**As always, stay safe out there!**