

Department of Disease Control

Weekly Disease Forecast No.31 (26 October - 27 November 2015)

The national disease surveillance system, implemented by the Bureau of Epidemiology, Department of Disease Control, has revealed 3,456 patients including 10 deaths from fireworks-related injuries during the past five years (2010-2014).

The highest incidence was found in youths and children in the age groups 10-14 years (20%), 15-19 years (15%) and 5-9 years (14%). Hands and wrists injuries were most common (54%). The incidence was highest in October during the celebration of End of Buddhist Lent Day.



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According to this week disease forecast, there is a possibility of more fireworks-related injuries in youths and children during the celebration of End of Buddhist Lent Day.



The Department of Disease Control therefore encourages parents to teach their children that fireworks are not toys and are dangerous. Parents should also take good care of their children not to stay close to fireworks lighting areas. Moreover, don't ever let their children to light up fireworks by themselves.

For everyone's safety, it is advised that fireworks should be lit up only by adults in open areas far away from houses, dry leaves or other flammable materials. Prepare buckets of water for fire extinguishment. In case of any injuries, call the hotline 1669 for the countrywide emergency medical services.

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