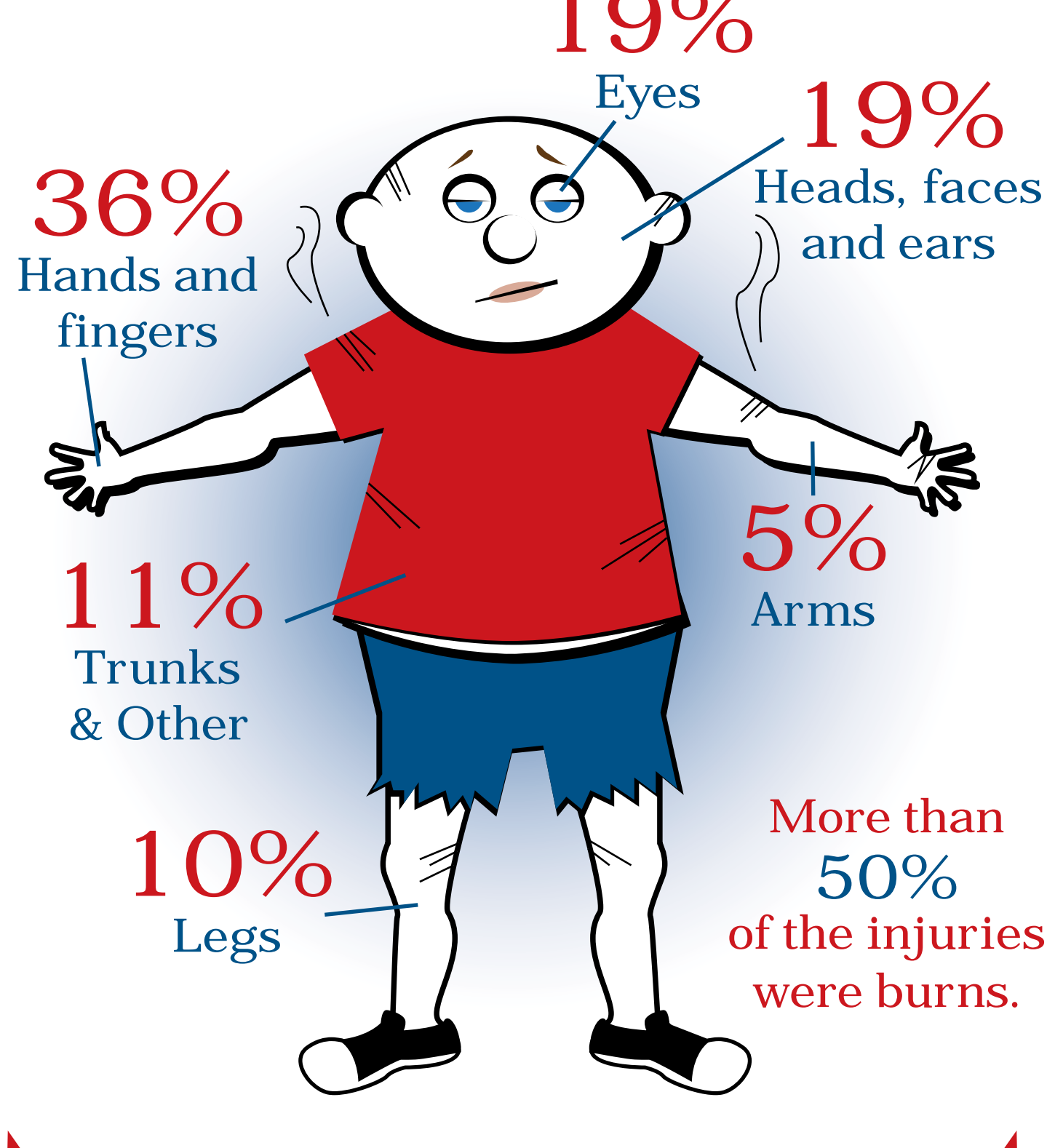


# Fireworks Injuries

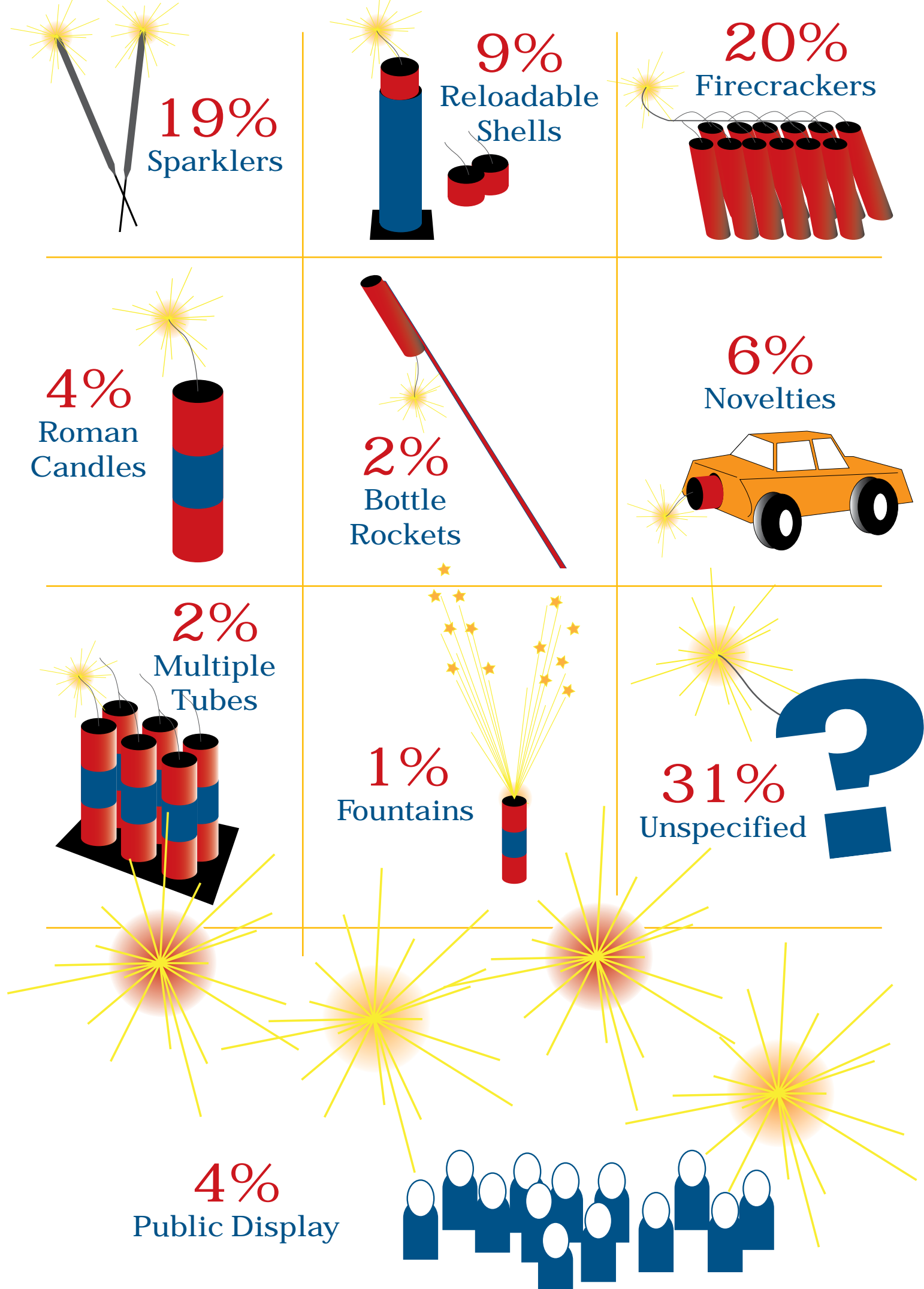
**Fireworks.** They are synonymous with our celebration of Independence Day. Yet, the thrill of fireworks can also bring pain, and even death. In 2014, CPSC staff conducted a study of fireworks injuries from June 20 through July 20. Here's what we learned.

- ★ **230** people on average go to the emergency room every day with fireworks-related injuries in the month around the July 4th holiday.
- ★ **67%** of these fireworks injuries in 2014 occurred during the month surrounding July 4th.
- ★ **9** people died due to **8** fireworks-related incidents. In at least **2** incidents, the victims WERE NOT THE USERS.

## Most Injured Body Parts

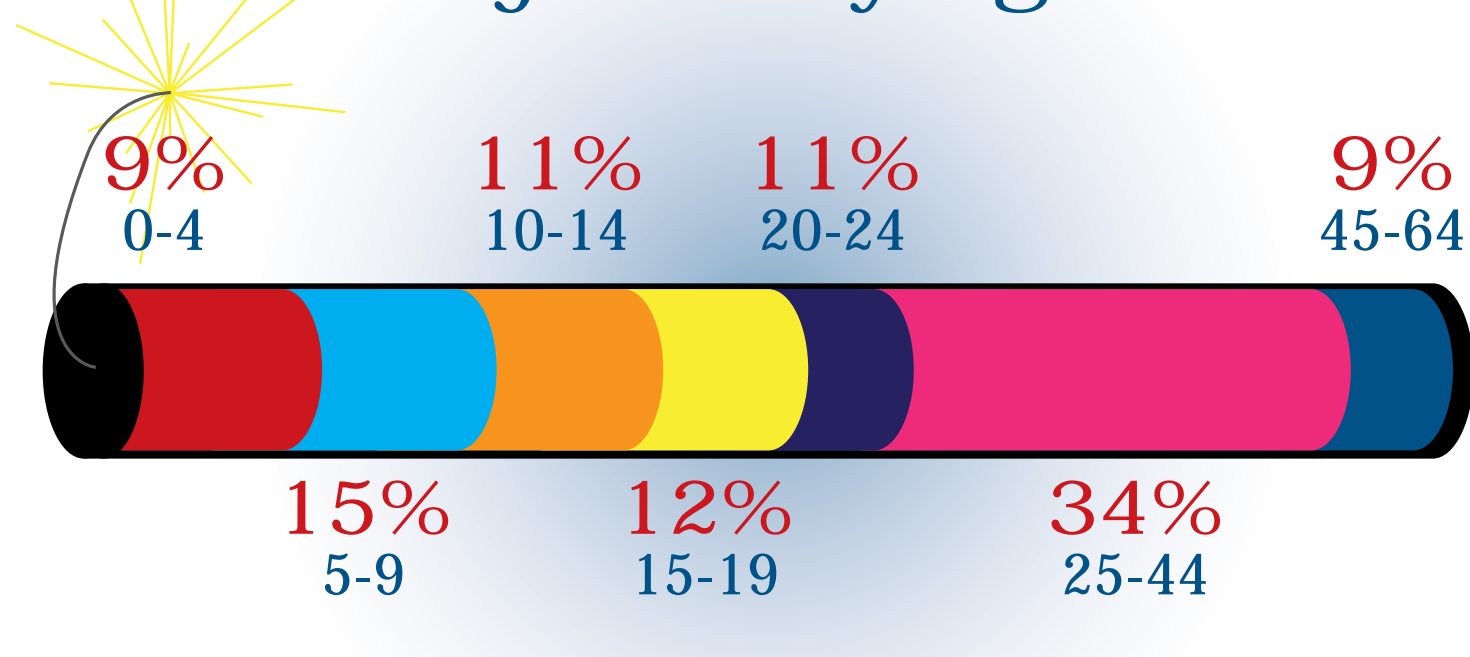


## Injuries by Fireworks Type\*

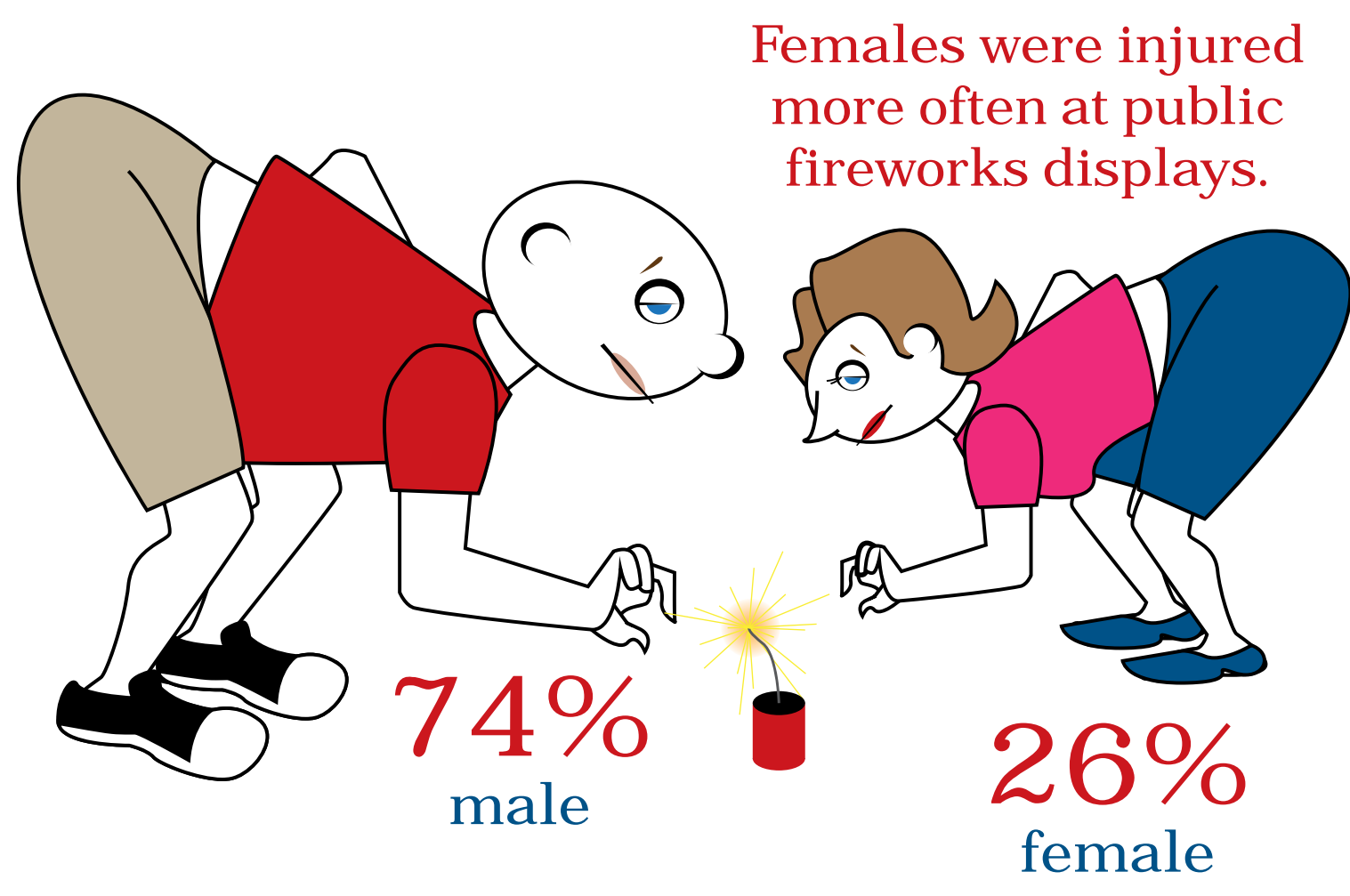


\*These percents do not account for how many products are used.

## Injuries by Age



## Injuries by Gender



Males were most injured from firecrackers, sparklers, bottle rockets, novelty devices, Roman candles and reloadable shells.

## Fireworks Safety Tips

- ★ Never allow **children** to play with or ignite fireworks.
- ★ **Never** try to **re-light** or **pick up** fireworks that have not ignited fully.
- ★ Keep a **bucket of water** or a **garden hose** handy in case of fire or other mishap.
- ★ Make sure fireworks are **legal** in your area before buying or using them.
- ★ Light fireworks **one at a time**, then **move back** quickly.
- ★ More Fireworks Safety Tips - [www.cpsc.gov/fireworks](http://www.cpsc.gov/fireworks)

Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission 2013 Fireworks Annual Report



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