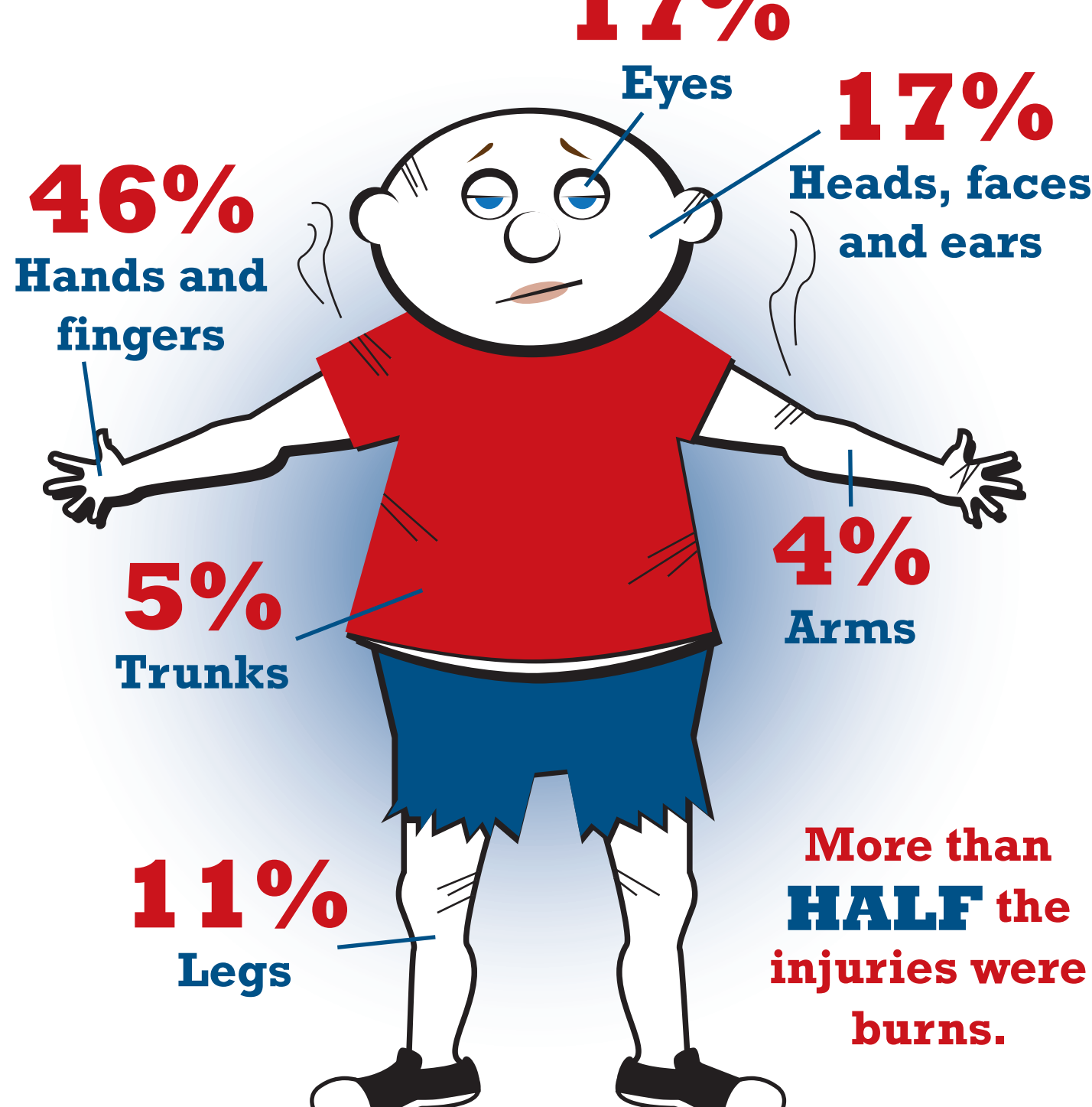


Fireworks Injuries

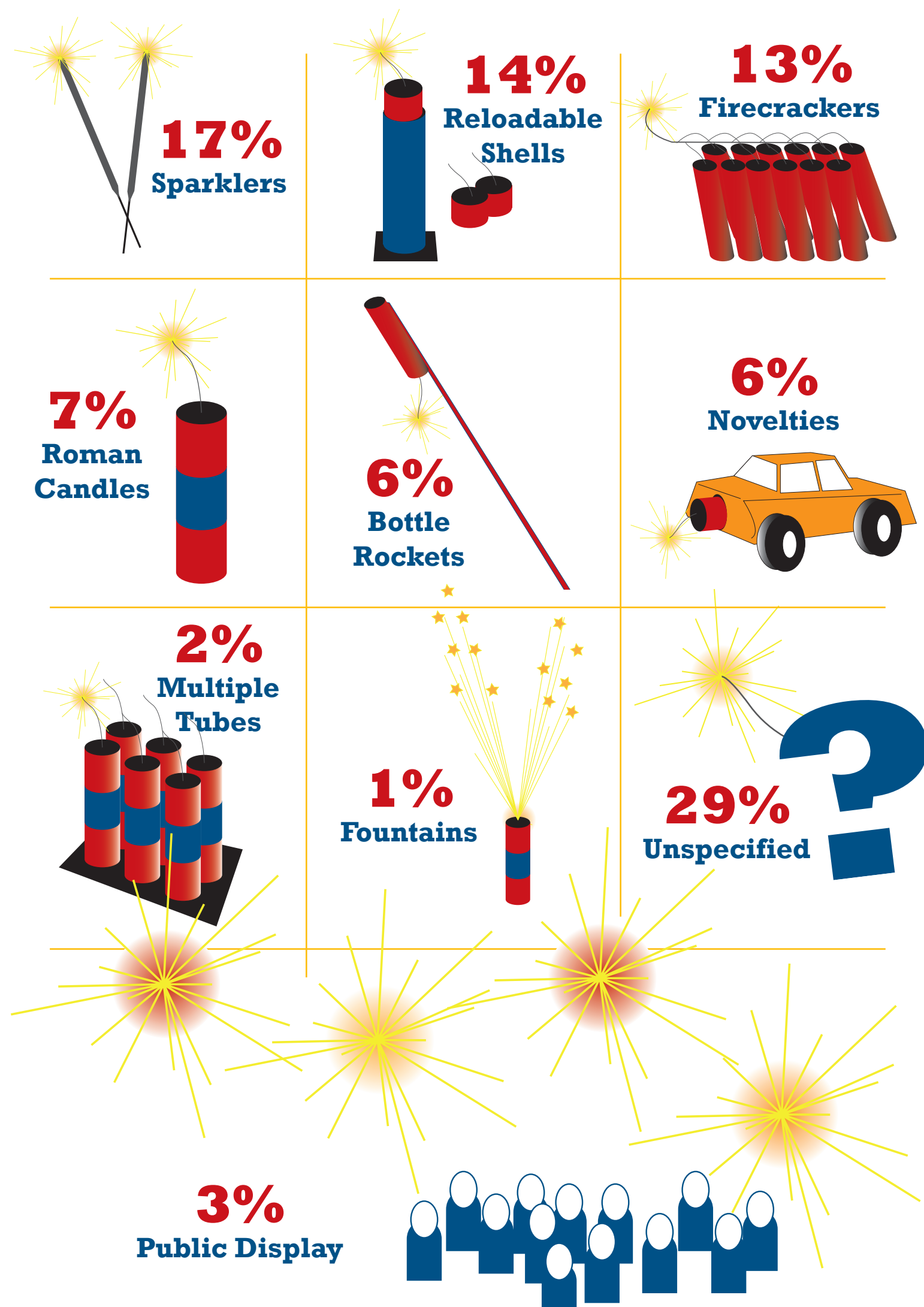
Fireworks. They are synonymous with our celebration of Independence Day. Yet, the thrill of fireworks can also bring pain, and even death. In 2011, CPSC staff conducted a study of fireworks injuries from June 17 through July 17. Here's what we learned.

- ★ **200** people on average go to the emergency room every day with fireworks-related injuries in the month around the July 4th holiday.
- ★ **65%** of these fireworks injuries in 2011 occurred during the month surrounding July 4th.
- ★ **Illegal** and **homemade fireworks** were involved in all **4** fireworks-related **deaths** reported to CPSC in 2011.

Most Injured Body Parts

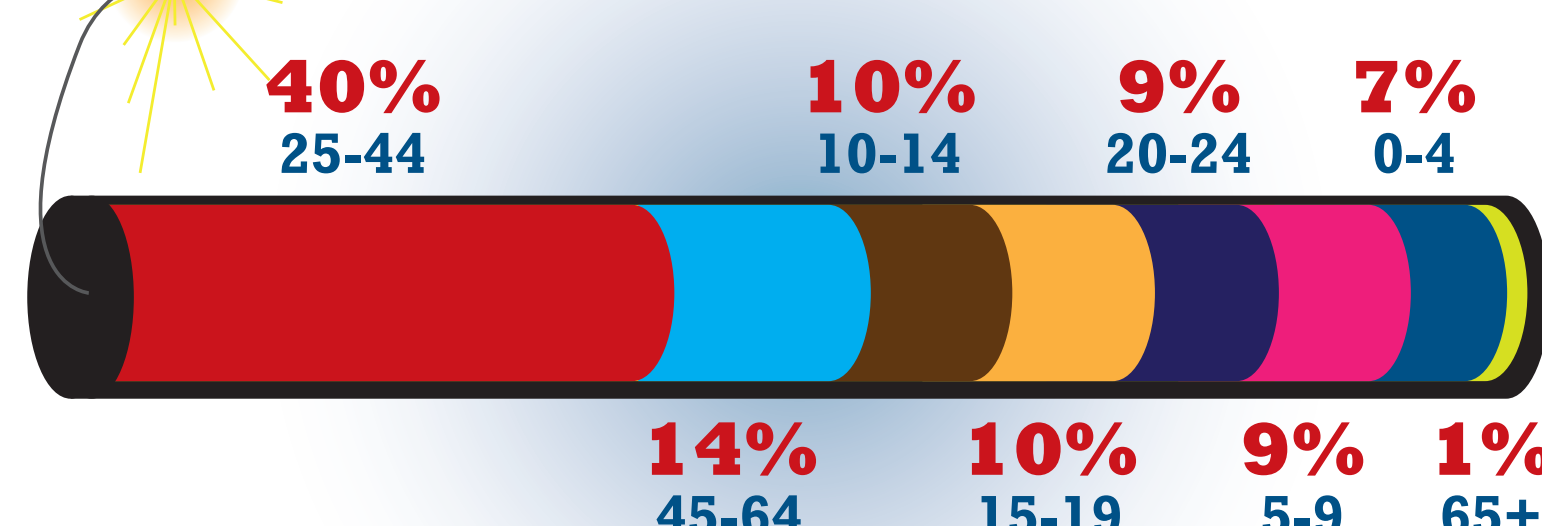


Injuries by Fireworks Type*

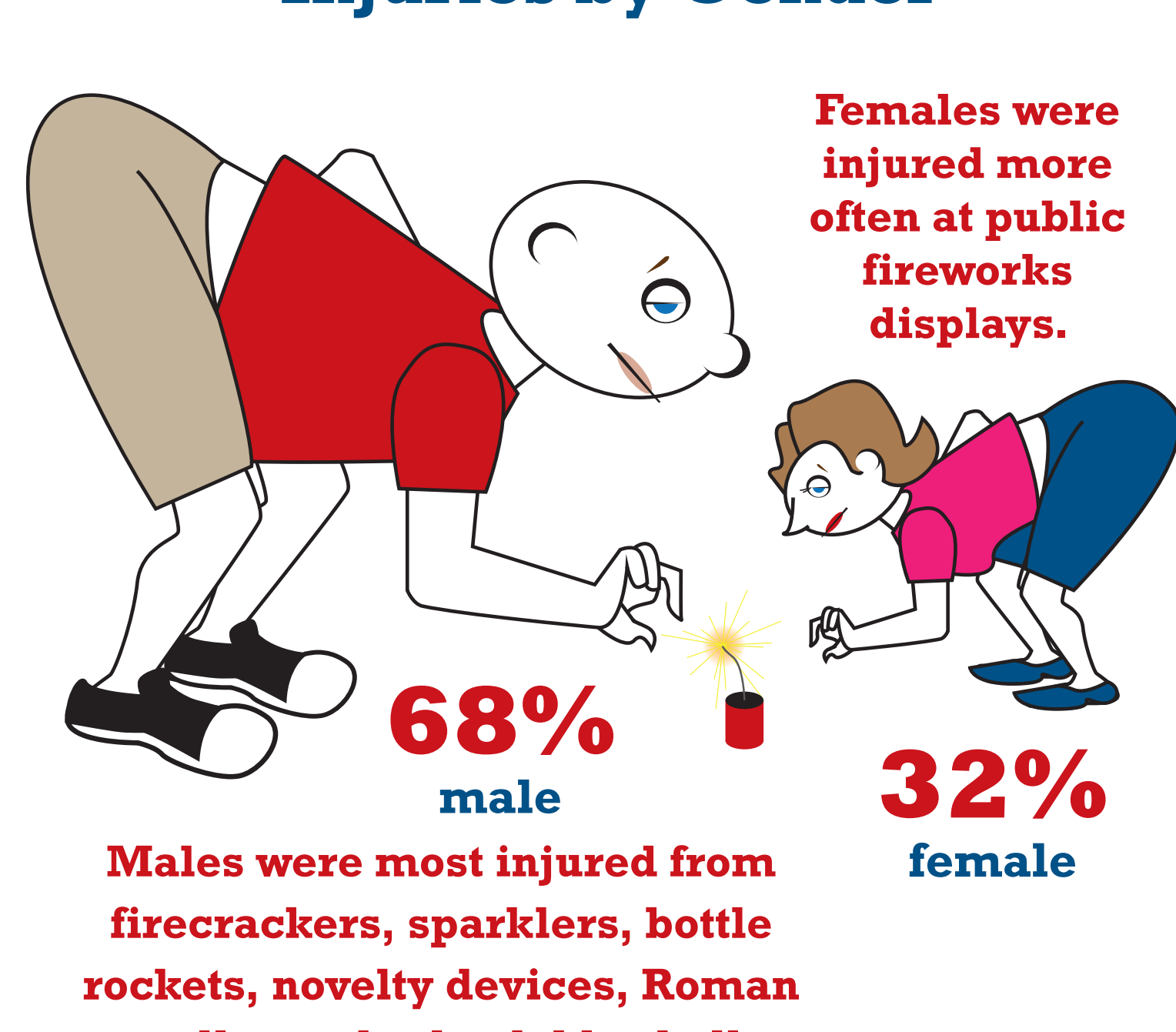


*These percents do not account for how many products are used.

Injuries by Age



Injuries by Gender



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 – <http://www.cpsc.gov/info/fireworks/index.html>

Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission 2011 Fireworks Annual Report



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