



# Toolbox Talk: Fourth of July Safety For Workers

Independence Day celebrations should be fun, not dangerous. Each year, over 10,000 Americans suffer fireworks injuries. Staying safe both at work and at home ensures you don't miss valuable work time.



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# Why Safety Matters: At Work and Home

**10K**

**Annual Fireworks Injuries**

Emergency room visits in the US.

**500%**

**Injury Spike**

Increase during July 4th weekend

**45%**

**Productivity Loss**

From home accident absences

Accidents at home directly impact workplace attendance. Injuries delay projects and affect team performance.



# Fireworks Safety



## Attend Professional Shows

The safest option is enjoying professional displays from at least 500 feet away.



## Keep Water Nearby

Always have water or an extinguisher ready for emergencies.



## Wear Protection

Use eye protection and never relight duds.



## No Alcohol

Never mix alcohol with fireworks handling.

# Grilling and Picnic Safety



## Safe Grilling

Position grills outdoors, away from structures and trees. Never leave unattended.



## Food Safety

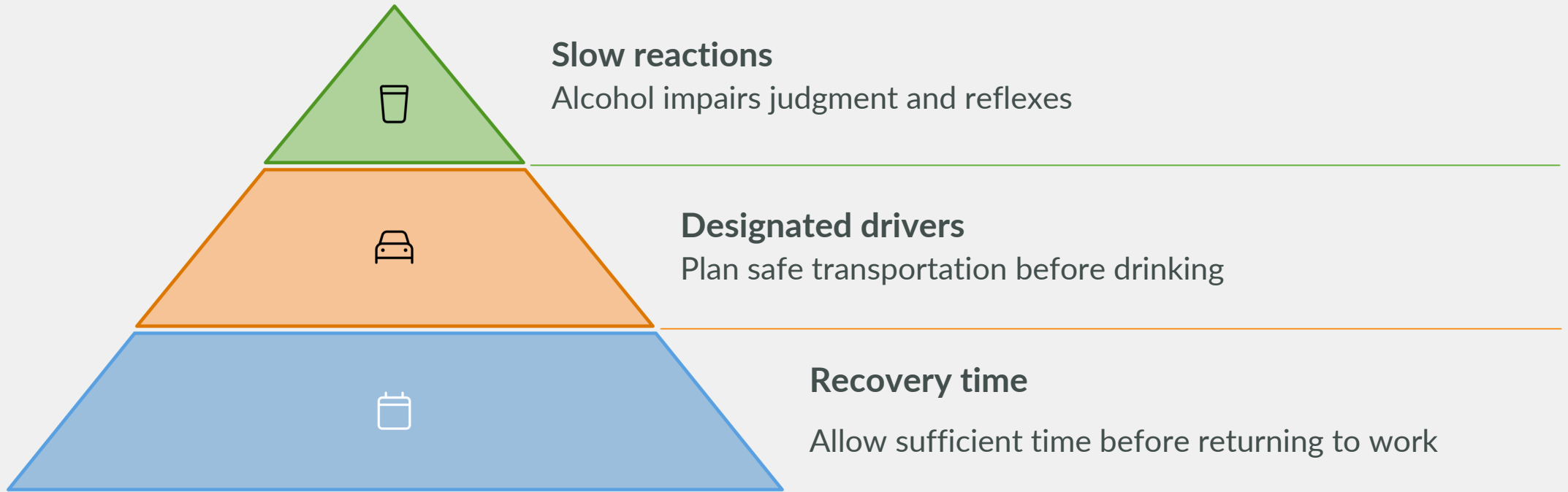
Keep perishables chilled. Wash hands frequently when handling food.



## Supervision

Keep pets and children clear of hot surfaces at all times.

# Alcohol Awareness

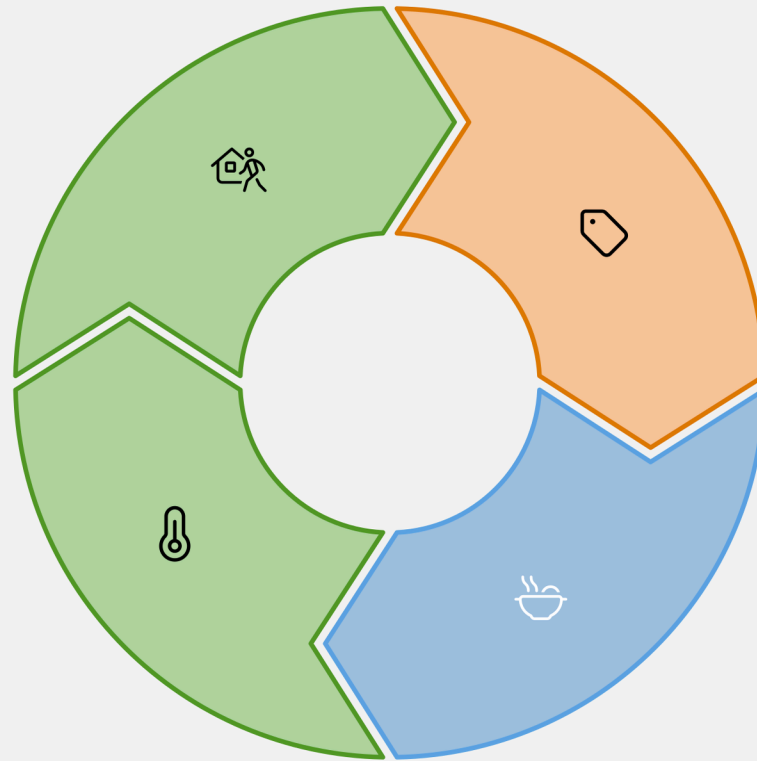


Alcohol creates hazards around fireworks, grills, and water activities. Even moderate consumption slows reaction time considerably.

# Pet and Animal Safety

**Keep Indoors**  
Secure pets in quiet areas during fireworks displays

**Beat the Heat**  
Provide shade and water for outdoor pets



**ID Tags**  
Ensure pets wear current identification tags

**Protect from Scraps**  
Keep pets away from harmful human foods



# Outdoor and Travel Safety



## Swim Safely

Only at lifeguarded beaches with proper flotation devices.



## Watch Weather

Monitor forecasts for storms or extreme heat alerts.



## Rip Current Response

Swim parallel to shore if caught; signal for help.



## Drive Safely

Buckle up and maintain focus on busy holiday roads.

# At Work: Stay Focused and Alert



## Mental Presence

Keep holiday distractions from affecting work focus



## Hydration

Combat summer heat with regular water breaks



## Report Injuries

Immediately notify supervisors of any incidents

Don't bring leftover holiday hazards to work. Fatigue, hangovers, and injuries can create workplace safety risks for everyone.



## Key Points and Safe Celebrations

### **Balance Fun and Safety**

Enjoy celebrations without compromising well-being. Your safety always matters more than momentary thrills.

### **Follow Guidelines**

Adhere to safety practices for fireworks, grilling, alcohol, and travel. Small precautions prevent major accidents.

### **Stay Present at Work**

Return from holidays ready to work safely. Your team depends on your full attention and capabilities.

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