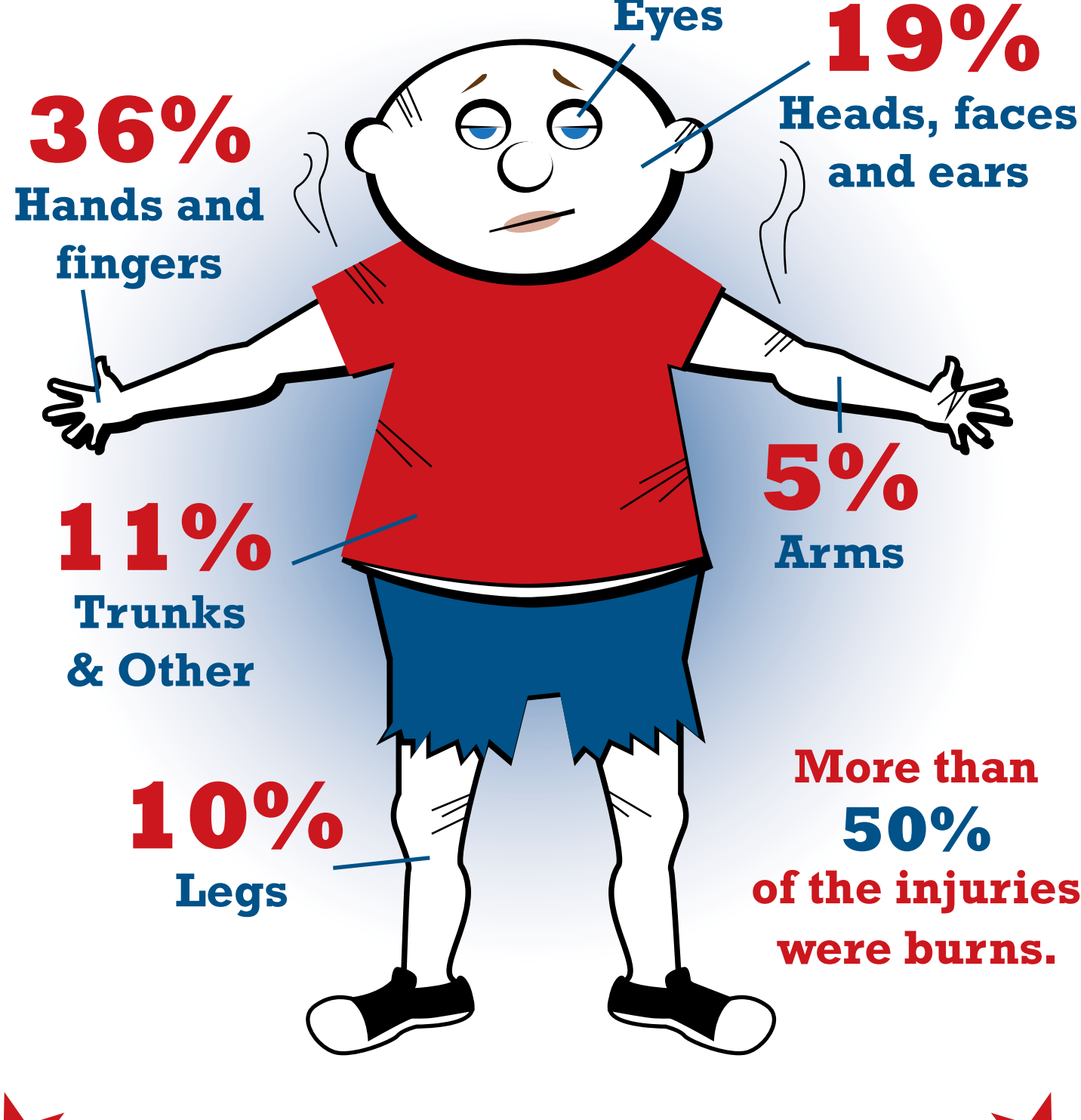


Fireworks Injuries

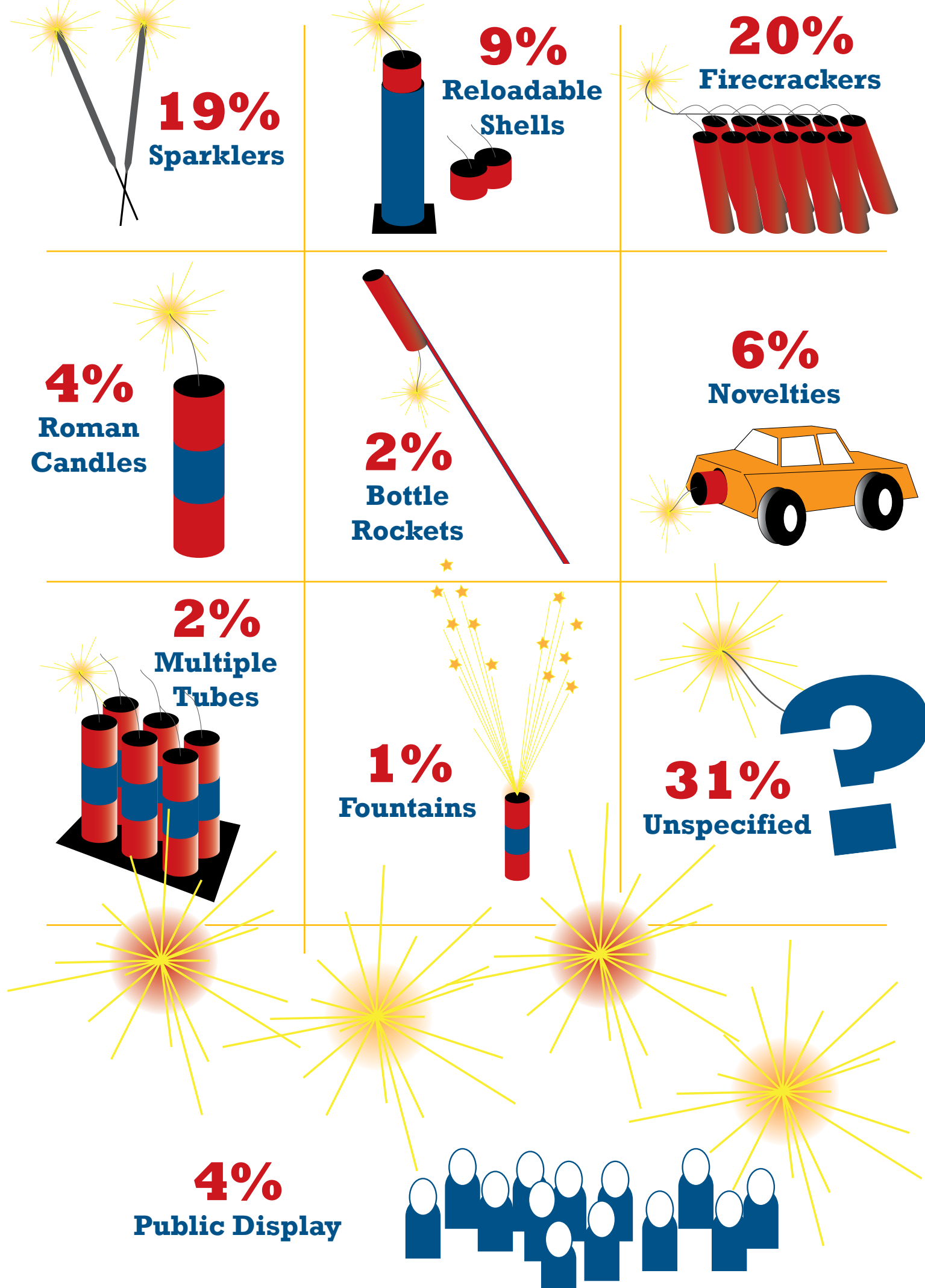
Fireworks. They are synonymous with our celebration of Independence Day. Yet, the thrill of fireworks can also bring pain, and even death. In 2014, CPSC staff conducted a study of fireworks injuries from June 20 through July 20. Here's what we learned.

- ★ **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

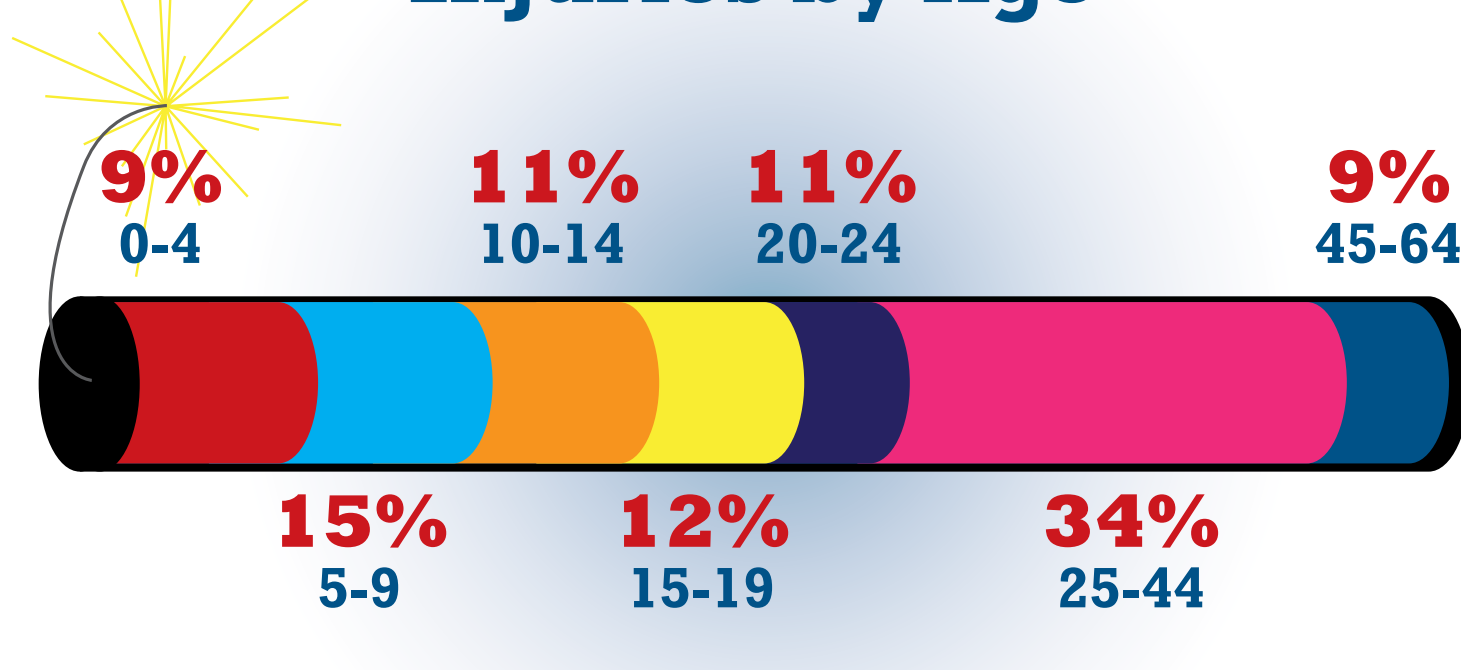


Injuries by Fireworks Type*

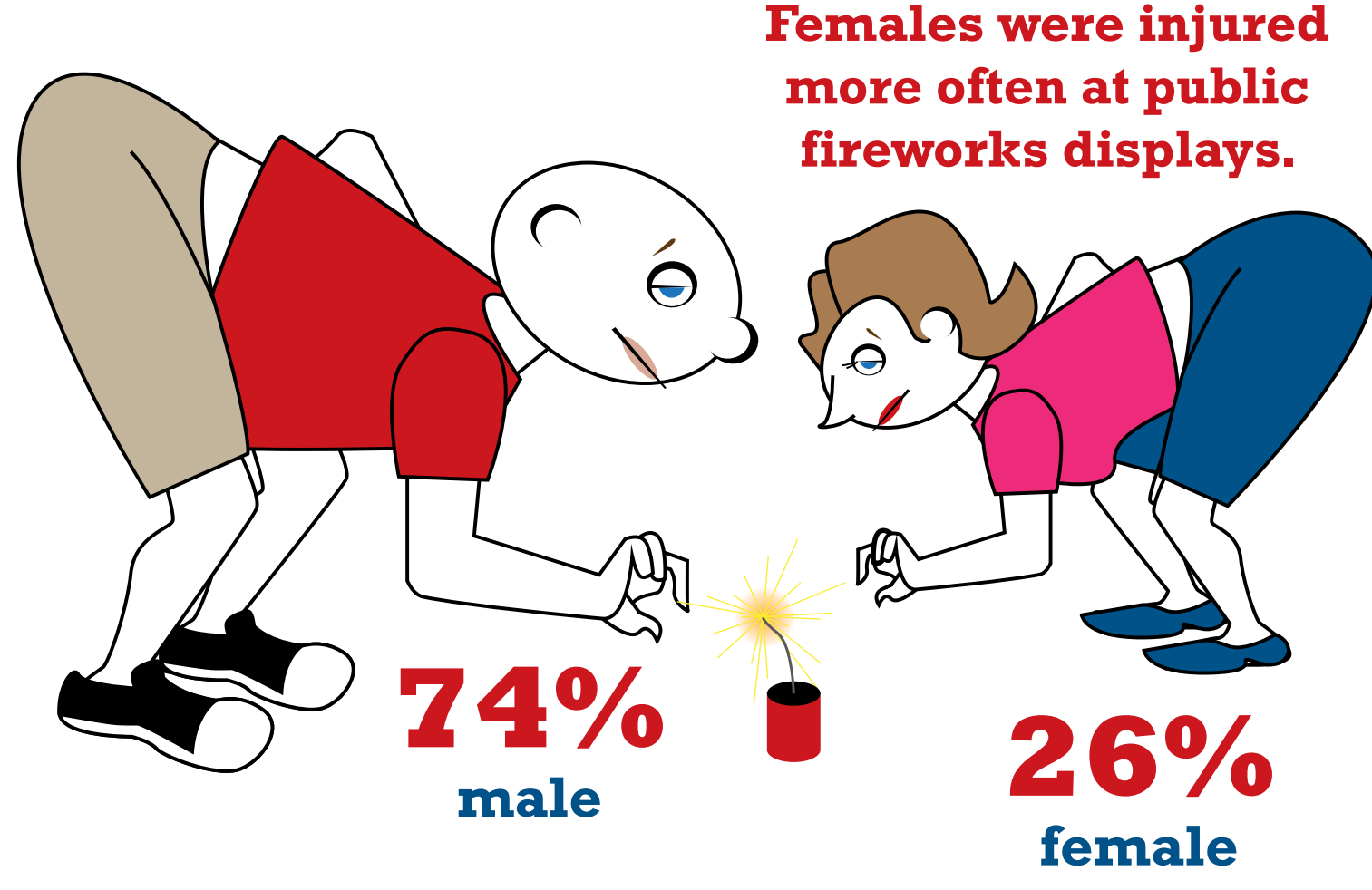


*These percents do not account for how many products are used.

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

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



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