



Fourth of July & Firework Safety

L.A. County Fire's Monthly Public Education Campaign



Fireworks are often a part of special times like the 4th of July and New Year's Eve but they can be dangerous. Whenever you celebrate, learn how to protect yourself and those you care about from fireworks-related injuries. The risk of injury or death is greater when using any type of fireworks. Even fireworks labeled as "Safe and Sane" can burn you, or even kill you. Fireworks account for two out of five fires, more than any other cause of fires.

Safe and Sane Fireworks

The sale of Safe and Sane fireworks in your community may be prohibited by local ordinance (check with your city). If they are allowed, Safe and Sane fireworks can only be purchased from a State Fire Marshal licensed retail stand no earlier than noon on June 28th and no later than noon on July 6th.

WHEN USING "Safe and Sane" FIREWORKS REMEMBER:

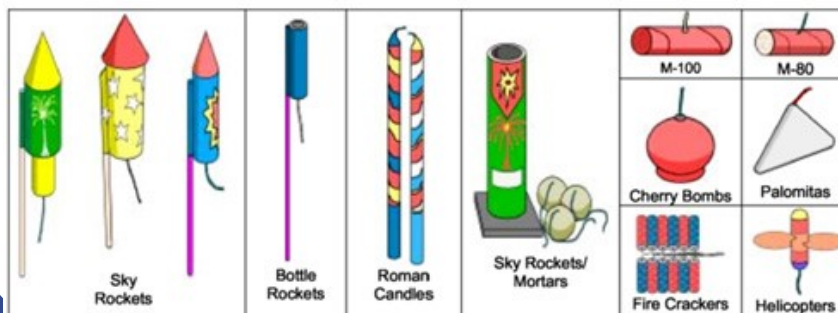
- Always read directions and use common sense
- Have an adult present
- Use outdoors only- away from buildings, vehicles, dry grass and other flammable objects
- Light one at a time, then move away quickly
- Keep others at a safe distance
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person
- Never alter or take apart
- Do not give to young children under any circumstances
- Have a bucket of water handy for emergencies and for dousing misfired and spent fireworks
- Never attempt to re-light or fix malfunctioning fireworks



Visit a local professional fireworks show!

Illegal Fireworks

Any item that explodes, rises in the air, moves about the ground, or which are not approved and labeled "Safe and Sane" by the State Fire Marshal, is illegal in California. Pictured below are examples of illegal fireworks, and should not be used.



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