



Keep Your Family Safe This Fourth of July!

HERE ARE A FEW SAFETY TIPS WHEN USING LEGAL FIREWORKS TO AVOID INJURIES:

- Always read the directions and use common sense, including protecting your eyes with safety glasses
- Use devices outdoors only – away from buildings, vehicles, dry grass and other flammable objects
- Light fireworks one item at a time, and then move away quickly
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person or an animal
- Have a bucket of water, water hose or fire extinguisher handy for emergencies, misfires and for clean-up
- Never attempt to re-light or fix malfunctioning fireworks
- Always have a responsible adult to supervise all fireworks activities.
- Never allow children to play with fireworks (one half of those injured each year are under age 15 years old).
- Keep others at a safe distance before lighting fireworks.
- Light fireworks only on a smooth and flat surface like a parking lot, driveway, gravel or dirt areas

NORTH CAROLINA “SAFE AND SANE” LEGAL FIREWORKS:

"Safe and Sane Fireworks" are fireworks that do not fly, explode or travel on the ground. Fountains, sparklers, wheels, smoke, snake items, strobes, ground spinners, snappers and caps are considered "Safe and Sane" fireworks

ILLEGAL FIREWORKS:

Any item that explodes rises in the air or moves about the ground or any fireworks which has not meet the definition of legal fireworks as defined in the NC General Statues 14-410 & 14-410 are illegal in North Carolina.

The following are examples of illegal fireworks in North Carolina and should not be used.



NOTE TO PARENTS:

It is against the law to use, possess, store or sell "illegal fireworks". North Carolina pyrotechnics law violations are identified as a Class 2 Misdemeanor subject to fines and or incarceration upon conviction of violating pyrotechnics laws. Fireworks cause many severe burns, injuries and fires. Violators can be held responsible for all damages, as well as having to pay any fines and/or serve imprisonment. Parents are liable for any damages or injuries caused by their children when using fireworks.

Consumer Fireworks Are Defined As:

Permitted: Sparklers, fountains, pharaoh's serpents, pinwheels, and whirligigs.

Prohibited: Fireworks which explode, travel laterally, rise into the air, or fire projectiles into the air.

Display Fireworks Are Defined As:

Display Permit: Must be approved by the Iredell County Board of Commissioners

Display Operators: Must be certified by NC Department of Insurance, must have Alcohol Tax and Firearms (ATF) and Iredell County pyrotechnic permits, required to obtain a one (1) million dollars of liability insurance policy (damages to persons or property), site inspection and approval by Iredell County and land owners written approval

The Iredell County Fire Marshal's Office suggests that you visit one of the permitted professional fireworks scheduled in our community.