

Dallas Fire-Rescue

Firework Safety eNewsletter



FIREWORKS

Fireworks are a symbol of celebration, but they come with risks. Thousands of people suffer injuries yearly due to improper use, making safety a top priority. The safest way to enjoy fireworks is by attending a professional show.

The Dangers of Consumer Fireworks

Fireworks can cause burns, eye injuries, fires, and even fatalities. Sparklers burn at 2,000°F, and mishandling any firework increases the risk of accidents. According to the NFPA, thousands of emergency room visits are attributed to fireworks-related injuries annually.



Fireworks & Fire Hazards

Fireworks cause thousands of fires annually, resulting in millions in damage. Dry conditions, flammable materials, and improper disposal can spark destructive fires, with wildfire-prone areas facing strict bans during high-risk seasons.



Fireworks Laws in Dallas

Fireworks are illegal in the City of Dallas. Using, selling, or possessing them within city limits can result in fines and confiscation. The City of Dallas actively enforces these laws, especially around major holidays like the Fourth of July and New Year's Eve. Violators can face penalties up to \$2,000 per offense.

In addition to fines, the use of illegal fireworks can pose risks to public safety and property. Fireworks-related fires and injuries put a strain on emergency services, leading to increased enforcement efforts. The City of Dallas urges residents to report illegal fireworks activity to local authorities.

To safely enjoy fireworks, residents are encouraged to attend professional displays organized by the city or local organizations. These events provide a spectacular show without the risks associated with personal fireworks use.

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IS THAT A FACT?

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) released a June 2024 report revealing 6,400 fireworks-related emergency injuries during a one-month study in 2023. Adults 25-44 made up 31% of cases, while males accounted for 67%, up from 65% in 2022. As fireworks season nears, safety remains crucial. PDF (www.cpsc.gov)

Firework Safety: Quick Tips

- **Know the Law:** Check local regulations.
- **Keep Water Nearby:** Always have water or a hose ready.
- **Maintain Distance:** Set off fireworks away from flammable areas and people.
- **Never Relight a Dud:** Wait 20 minutes, soak, then dispose safely.
- **Supervise Children:** Keep kids away from fireworks, even sparklers.
- **Dispose Safely:** Let fireworks cool, then soak and discard.