



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FIRE AND EMS DEPARTMENT  
FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION  
JULY 4<sup>th</sup> FIREWORKS SAFETY TIPS



As we begin to celebrate this July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend, the District of Columbia Fire and EMS Department Fire Prevention Division wants everyone to be safe. Please remember, the manufacturing, possession, storage, display, or discharge of the following fireworks in the District of Columbia is prohibited:

- Any firework that move
- Any firework that explodes or shoots a projectile
- Any firework that emits a spark or flame greater than 12'
- Any firework that has a side mounted fuse or a fuse inserted at any point along the length of the product surface.
- Any firework that contains mercury, arsenic, magnesium, phosphorus, or any other highly oxidizing agent.
- Any firework by the Fire Marshal to be dangerous to the safety of any person or property.

### EXAMPLES OF ILLEGAL/ PROHIBITED FIREWORKS

- Firecrackers
- Cherry Bombs
- Roman Candles
- Salutes
- Floral Shell
- Artillery Shells
- Helicopters
- Sparklers greater than 20" in length
- Bottle Rockets
- Parachutes
- Buzz Bombs
- Pinwheels
- Jumping Jacks
- Anything that is similar to these products.



### EXAMPLES OF PERMITTED FIREWORKS

The following types of fireworks are permitted to be stored, displayed, sold, and delivered in the District of Columbia:

- Sparklers 20" or less
- Torches
- Box Fire
- Fountains
- Cones
- Dip Sticks
- Paper Caps
- Non-poisonous snakes
- Paper Novelty Items
- Colored Lights



### PENALTIES AND FINES

Any person found engaging in the business of using or selling illegal fireworks in the District of Columbia will face monetary fines of \$2000 or more and possible arrest and criminal prosecution.