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SAN FRANCISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT FIREWORKS SAFETY AND INFORMATION

As New Year's Eve approaches, the San Francisco Fire Department is reminding all celebrants that the use and sale of fireworks is illegal in San Francisco.

Residents of and visitors to San Francisco are asked to do their part to prevent fires caused by illegal fireworks. For information on sanctioned Firework's displays, visit:

- <http://sf.funcheap.com/san-francisco-new-years-eve-fireworks/>
- <http://sfport.com/event/new-years-eve-fireworks-show>

SAFETY RESOURCES:

- https://www.cpsc.gov/s3fs-public/Fireworks_Report_2016.pdf?t.YHKjE9bFiabmirA.4NJST.5SUWIOJ
- https://www.safekids.org/tip/fireworks-safety-tips?gclid=EA1aIQobChMI29T2-Z-p2AIVDMpkCh02ewSpEAAYASAAEgLOPPD_BwE
- <http://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/By-topic/Seasonal-fires/Fireworks>
- <https://petremedyusa.com/2016/10/fireworks-safety-pets/>
- <https://www.dhs.gov/see-something-say-something>

- **MUNICIPAL CODE SEC. 1290. DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS PROHIBITED.**

“No person or persons, firm, company, corporation or association shall fire or discharge any fireworks of any kind or description within the limits of the City and County of San Francisco. Provided, however, that public displays of fireworks may be given with the joint written consent of the Fire Marshal and the Chief of Police”.

Possession of illegal fireworks such as sky rockets, bottle rockets, roman candles, aerial shells, firecrackers and other types that explode, go into the air, or move on the ground in an uncontrollable manner can lead to a possible fine or jail time in the county jail. Even “Safe and Sane” Fireworks, such as firecrackers and sparklers, are considered illegal.

San Francisco residents, visitors, and businesses can help by remaining vigilant while enjoying New Year’s Eve festivities. These simple tips will help you stay safe:

- If you “**See** something, **Say** something”. Call 9-1-1 or talk to a police officer if you see something suspicious.
- Have a plan. It is easy to lose track of people during large events. It is even more difficult when there is an emergency. Designate a meet up spot if you get separated from your group.
- Be aware of your surroundings and take note of emergency exits.
- Have a designated driver or alternative transportation plan if you plan on drinking alcohol.
- The San Francisco Department of Emergency Management has setup a special New Year’s Eve registration code for the AlertSF system. People celebrating New Year’s Eve in San Francisco are encouraged to text the phrase NYESF17 to 888-777 and their mobile device will be automatically registered for emergency alerts related to New Year’s Eve events in San Francisco.



The San Francisco Fire Department strongly urges San Franciscans to keep themselves and their neighborhoods safe this year. Report all fireworks to the San Francisco Police Department at: 415-553-0123.

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