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**San Francisco Fire Department  
Fireworks Public Safety Announcement**

Did you know...

Each year more than 12,000 fireworks-related injuries, half of them children, are treated in hospital emergency rooms? Approximately 26% of the children injured are innocent bystanders.

Something as simple as a sparkler burns at temperatures of up to 1,800 degrees. Hot enough to melt gold.

Fireworks cause more than \$35 million in property loss each year.

Possession and use of any firework, including *Safe & Sane*, is illegal in San Francisco. It is a crime that is punishable by a fine or incarceration in County jail or both.

The risk is not worth the reward. A few fleeting moments of excitement is not worth a lifetime of pain and sorrow. Be smart and leave fireworks to the professionals.

The San Francisco Fire Department strongly urges San Franciscans to keep their neighborhoods safe this year.

Report all fireworks to the San Francisco Police Department at 553-0123  
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