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SAN FRANCISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT FIREWORKS SAFETY INFORMATION

As the 4th of July Celebratory events are upon us, the San Francisco Fire Department is reminding all residents and visitors that San Francisco has a zero tolerance for the use and sale of illegal fireworks.

SOME FACTS:

- Each year more than 12,000 fireworks-related injuries, half of them children, are treated in hospital emergency rooms.
- More than 25% of the children injured by fireworks are innocent bystanders.
- Something as simple as a sparkler burns at temperatures of up to 1,800 degrees! That's hot enough to melt gold.
- Firework accidents cause millions in property loss each year.
- **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.

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.

San Francisco residents and visitors are asked to do their part to prevent fires caused by illegal fireworks. For safety information and fun events in San Francisco, please check the links provided:

<http://www.sftourismtips.com/fourth-of-july-san-francisco.html>

<http://sf.funcheap.com/san-francisco-4th-july-fireworks-show/>

<http://m.kidshealth.org/en/parents/fireworks.html?WT.ac=>

<http://www.nsc.org/learn/safety-knowledge/Pages/news-and-resources-fireworks-safety.aspx>

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