



FIREWORKS SAFETY GUIDELINES:

1. Designate a responsible adult to light fireworks. Do not let children light them.
(Remember, even sparklers can burn at temperatures of 1800°, nearly hot enough to melt gold!)
2. Use fireworks only outdoors, away from anything that can burn such as trees, buildings, bark dry fields, or wood storage areas.
3. Keep a bucket of water nearby to place all used fireworks in before final disposal. Have a connected water hose or fire extinguisher nearby to put out stray sparks.
4. Light one item at a time, move away quickly, and keep at a safe distance until the display is finished.
5. Duds can be dangerous! If a device does not light or fire, wait at least five minutes and approach it carefully. Do not try to relight. Place it in a bucket of water to soak.
6. Never throw fireworks at people, cars, pets or things that burn.
7. Never hold fireworks in your hands, or discharge them in glass or metal containers.
8. Keep pets indoors, with doors and windows closed tightly. Be sure they have identification tags in case they become frightened and run away.
9. In case someone is injured know basic first aid, the emergency number to call, and your address/location.
10. Dispose of used fireworks after soaking in a trash can with water when finished. Don't leave a mess.

In unincorporated Pierce County fireworks may be discharged on PRIVATE property with the permission of the property owner. Be sure to follow the fireworks manufacturer's safety precautions.

ONLY WASHINGTON STATE APPROVED CLASS C (1.4G) COMMON FIREWORKS MAY BE SOLD IN RETAIL, LICENSED FIREWORKS STANDS. ILLEGAL DEVICES INCLUDE SKY ROCKETS, BOTTLE ROCKETS, MISSILE TYPE ROCKETS, CHASERS, FIRECRACKERS, AND SALUTES!

CELEBRATE A SAFE AND SANE 4TH OF JULY!



For more information contact the Pierce County Fire Prevention Bureau @ (253) 798-7179 (hours 7:30AM – 4:30PM Monday through Friday, excluding holidays) OR contact your local fire department.

FOR EMERGENCIES CALL 911