

Fireworks Safety

The greatest threat from fireworks comes from those who choose to violate the law and use illegal fireworks usually purchased outside the valley. Illegal fireworks are characterized by the following:

- Explode (fire crackers, cherry bombs, etc.)
- Rocket (bottle rockets, roman candles, etc.)

Use only fireworks labeled "Safe and Sane" and only the way they are designed. "Safe and Sane" fireworks are legal for use in Clark County and neighboring jurisdictions only from June 28 through midnight July 4. "Safe and Sane" fireworks are sold only by authorized vendors who are permitted to sell them. *Remember:* No fireworks of any kind, even those labeled "safe and sane" are ever allowed on federal lands including Red Rock, Mt. Charleston, and Lake Mead.

How to Handle Fireworks Safely

Preparation

- Use only "safe and sane" fireworks and only from June 28-July 4 when they are allowed for use in Clark County and the Las Vegas Valley. **Fireworks are not allowed after midnight on July 4.**
- Be a good neighbor when using fireworks, and be considerate of those who are sensitive to loud noises especially the elderly, veterans, children and pets.
- Place fireworks on a flat, hard surface like a parking lot in a clear area away from buildings, vehicles and dry brush.
- Have a pre-connected garden hose handy in case of fire.
- Never carry fireworks in your pocket or shoot them into metal or glass containers.
- Do not experiment with homemade fireworks.
- If your pets are afraid of fireworks, keep them indoors.
- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix – save your alcohol for after the show.

Using

- A responsible adult should supervise all firework activities. Keep children and pets a safe distance away from fireworks.
- Kids should never play with fireworks. Even sparklers can be dangerous – they can get hot enough to catch clothes on fire or cause skin burns.
- Light one firework at a time and quickly move away. Coordinate lighting the items so that everyone in your group anticipates when they will be set off and is not surprised.
- If an item fails to light, keep bystanders away from it for several minutes. (Sometimes a fuse malfunctions enough to slow the ignition time down, but it ignites seconds later.)
- If a firework malfunctions, catches on fire, or lands somewhere it shouldn't, make sure someone with a water supply can get to it and put it out.
- If someone's clothes catch on fire, help them to stop, drop and roll. Any burns should be treated with cool water and gauze. If the burn blisters, seek medical help.

Afterwards

- Place discharged fireworks into a bucket of water overnight to make certain they do not re-ignite. Make sure there are no remaining sparks, embers or heated debris that could cause something to ignite later.
- Clean up litter left behind from fireworks.

For more information, please call the Fire Prevention Bureau: (702) 455-7316.

<http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/fire/Pages/FireworksSafety.aspx>

