



# FIREWORKS SAFETY

The City of Rancho Cordova, Rancho Cordova Police Department (RCPD) and Sacramento Metro Fire District encourage residents to be safe when using fireworks this Fourth of July season.

The truth is that the unsafe use of fireworks is very serious and can cause severe burns, amputations, blinding and even death. Damaging fires occur when children use fireworks, and parents are responsible for any damage or injuries caused if their children use fireworks.

Follow these tips to ensure your July 4th celebration is safe for everyone:

- All legal fireworks in California are called Safe and Sane Fireworks.
- All Safe and Sane Fireworks must bear the State Fire Marshal's seal.
- Safe and Sane Fireworks may be sold only from noon on June 28, 2018 through 10 PM on July 4, 2018.
- In Rancho Cordova, use of fireworks is allowed between noon on June 28, 2018 through 10 PM on July 4, 2018.
- It is illegal for anyone under 18 years of age to use fireworks.
- It is illegal to sell, give, or deliver dangerous fireworks to anyone under 18 years of age.
- It is illegal to point or throw a dangerous firework into a crowd or at people.
- Fireworks that explode or leave the ground are illegal in California.
- The sale or transfer of Safe and Sane Fireworks may only occur at a fixed place of business, which is licensed and permitted to sell Safe and Sane Fireworks.
- Always have a bucket of water to dispose of fireworks.
- Always have a hose connected to water available in case of fire.
- Do not use fireworks near dry grass or other flammable materials. Cut your yard more frequently to reduce fire hazards.
- Do not use fireworks while under a canopy, covered balcony, covered patio or under a tree or bushes.
- Never attempt to relight or "fix" fireworks.
- Pets can become frightened by the loud sounds and unfamiliar sights during festivities. Keep your pets safely indoors, or if you must take your dog with you to the celebration, keep him or her leashed and under your direct control at all times.

**RCPD will have extra patrol officers working on July 4, 2018. The use of illegal fireworks is prohibited by law, with punishment up to a year in county jail and up to a \$1,000 fine.** If you suspect the use of illegal fireworks, report incidents to RCPD by dialing 916-362-5115.