



SAN FRANCISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE

21-0012

Released: 7:30 a.m. on July 2nd, 2021

Fireworks Safety Information for Independence Day

San Francisco, CA – The San Francisco Police and Fire Departments and the Department of Emergency Management remind residents and visitors that all fireworks (including those branded as "Safe and Sane") are illegal in San Francisco.

MUNICIPAL CODE SEC. 1290. DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS IS 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 jointly written consent of the Fire Marshal and the Chief of Police".

Important warnings about fireworks:

Each year more than 12,000 fireworks-related injuries, half of them children, are treated in hospital emergency rooms. Possession of fireworks such as skyrockets, bottle rockets, roman candles, aerial shells, firecrackers, and other types that explode, go into the air, or uncontrollably move on the ground can lead to a citation or an arrest.

- 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 incidents cause millions of dollars in property loss each year, including vegetation fires threatening homes and whole communities.

Information on Reporting Noise:

We are aware of the noise generated by fireworks and how that impacts many in our communities. Police officers and firefighters will be out in the field working on mitigating these complaints. If you feel it is necessary to call, complaints about fireworks and noise should be directed to the non-emergency dispatch line at 1-415-553-0123.

Information on Reporting Fireworks Use:

San Francisco's public safety partners strongly urge San Franciscans to keep themselves and their neighborhoods safe this year. "If you see something, say something." In San Francisco, report illegal fireworks only if you see the person lighting them, can describe them and can give an exact location or address by calling the SFPD non-emergency line at 1-415-553-0123.

Information on Response to Emergencies:

Public safety agencies prioritize all 911 and non-emergency calls based on the severity of the incident. During holidays when fireworks are prevalent, public safety dispatchers must triage calls to determine the appropriate response with available resources. The police department may not be able to respond to every firework-related call unless fires or injuries are involved.

Stay informed, and do your part to help keep the 4th of July fun for everyone: Please keep 911 available for people with police, fire, or medical emergencies.

San Francisco's Independence Day Fireworks Display:

The City and County of San Francisco is holding an Independence Day firework show along the San Francisco waterfront on Sunday, July 4, 2021, starting at 9:30 p.m. You can watch fireworks from vantage points along San Francisco's waterfront. Note: Due to COVID-19, there are no City-sponsored festivals or gatherings this July 4, and the State of California strongly recommends that anyone planning to attend the Fourth of July fireworks be fully vaccinated, obtain a negative COVID-19 test before attending the event, or wear a face covering.

Treasure Island Access:

In the interest of public safety, Treasure Island Development Authority strongly discourages the public from visiting Treasure Island during July 4, 2021, due to ongoing construction activities related to the Treasure Island Development Project. Viewing areas for the fireworks show and parking will be extremely limited, and roadways into parking areas will be inaccessible. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

AlertSF:

AlertSF is a text, e-mail, and phone-based notification system for San Francisco's residents and visitors. Sign up for emergency alerts in San Francisco by texting your zip code to 888-777 or by visiting www.alertsf.org

Safety resources:

<https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/tools-resources/seasonal-safety/summer/fireworks>

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Safety-Education/Safety-Education-Centers/Fireworks>

<https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Seasonal-fire-causes/Fireworks>

Partner agency Public Information Officer contact information:

San Francisco Department of Emergency Management PIO contact: dempress@sfgov.org

San Francisco Police Department PIO contact: SFPD Media Relations Unit 1-415-837-7395 or SFPDMediaRelations@sfgov.org

For more information, please contact:

Lieutenant Jonathan Baxter
Public Information Officer
(415) 558-3404
firepio@sfgov.org



