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CAL FIRE and Local Partners Unite to Promote Fireworks Safety and Maintain Zero Tolerance for Illegal Fireworks

Fireworks are illegal in San Diego County. Fireworks purchased online, shipped from out of state, or bought from sellers or stands are illegal and often extremely dangerous.

Possessing or using illegal fireworks or using any type fireworks in communities where they are prohibited can result in fines of up to \$50,000 and up to one year in jail.

Illegal fireworks include:

- Metal Core Sparklers
- Skyrockets
- Bottle rockets
- Roman candles
- Aerial shells
- Firecrackers
- Sparklers
- Any devices that explode, launch into the air, or move on the ground in an uncontrolled manner



Soman Sen, MD, Assistant Chief of Burns at Shriners Children’s Northern California, emphasized the devastating impact a fireworks-related burn injury can cause. “Every year, we see firsthand the life changing burn injuries caused by fireworks,” Dr. Sen said. “We always urge families to keep children away from any type of fireworks and ensure that only responsible adults are using legal fireworks – even then, exercising caution to prevent harm.”

For a safe and enjoyable Fourth of July, Californians are urged to know and follow their local fireworks laws.

The safest way to celebrate is to leave fireworks to the professionals. Attend a licensed public fireworks display conducted by trained pyrotechnic operators licensed by CAL FIRE – Office of the State Fire Marshal.

To learn more about fireworks safety, visit readyforwildfire.org/prevent-wildfire/fireworks-safety/ or <https://www.shrinerschildrens.org/en/news-and-media/news/2021/06/fourth-of-july-burn-safety>.

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