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# SFPD and SFFD 4th of July Fireworks Safety Information

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As the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebratory events are upon us, the San Francisco Police and Fire Departments are reminding all residents and visitors that San Francisco has a zero tolerance for the use and sale of all fireworks.

SOME FACTS:

- Each year more than 12,000 fireworks-related injuries, half of them children, are treated in hospital emergency rooms. Possession of fireworks such as sky rockets, bottle rockets, roman candles, aerial shells, firecrackers and other types that explode, go into the air, or move on the ground in an uncontrollable manner can lead to a possible fine or jail time in the county jail. Even “Safe and Sane” Fireworks, such as firecrackers and sparklers, are considered illegal.
- 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 accidents cause millions in property loss each year.
- SFPD emphasizes that fireworks are illegal in San Francisco and police will be enforcing fireworks possession and sales laws.
- Illegal vending will not be allowed in and around Fisherman’s Warf or any other area in the city limits.

San Francisco has an official free public fireworks display starting at 9:30 PM. The fireworks will be launched from barges near Pier 39 and Aquatic Park. Large crowds are expected to view the shows along the waterfront and use of public transportation is encouraged.

San Francisco residents and visitors are asked to do their part to prevent fires caused by fireworks. For safety information and fun events in San Francisco, please check the links provided:

[www.sftourismtips.com](http://www.sftourismtips.com)

[www.sf.funcheap.com](http://www.sf.funcheap.com)

[www.m.kidshealth.org](http://www.m.kidshealth.org)

[www.nsc.org](http://www.nsc.org)

Additionally, while the 4<sup>th</sup> of July is a time for celebration and fun please remember there is a zero tolerance on consuming alcoholic beverages on public streets and public intoxication. Please use a designated driver or safe mode of transportation when traveling around the city.

The San Francisco Police and Fire Departments strongly urge San Franciscans to keep themselves and their neighborhoods safe this year. “If you see something, say something”. Report all fireworks to the San Francisco Police Department at: 415-

553-0123.

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