



INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS ALERT!!



Independence Day celebrates the birth of our nation and gives us much to celebrate, but fireworks can be dangerous and should not be treated as toys. They cause blindness, maiming and even death when misused. Fireworks cause more fires on the Fourth of July than all other causes combined.

In California

All fireworks that explode, shoot into the air or move along the ground are officially called "dangerous" and are illegal to possess anywhere in the state.

In Unincorporated San Bernardino County

Possession of any fireworks is illegal. Fire and law enforcement officials will confiscate any fireworks and issue citations to the offender. If misused fireworks cause a fire, the responsible persons are likely to face criminal charges and liability for damages.

San Bernardino County Cities That Allow "Safe and Sane" Fireworks

Safe and Sane fireworks are **only** allowed in the following cities: Adelanto, Chino, Colton and Rialto, as well as specific locations in Fontana, Grand Terrace, and San Bernardino. Please call the fire departments in these cities for more information.

Safety Advice

If you're thinking about using fireworks this July 4th, please keep these safety tips in mind:

- ✓ Consider alternatives. For example, you can watch spectacular fireworks safely at a community celebration.
- ✓ Don't allow children to use fireworks - even "Safe and Sane" ones - without adult supervision. Even "Safe and Sane" sparklers can ignite clothing easily.
- ✓ Always read and follow label directions.
- ✓ Always have water (garden hose/bucket) and a fire extinguisher within arm's reach.
- ✓ Always place fireworks on a firm, non-combustible surface before lighting.
- ✓ Never alter fireworks.
- ✓ Never re-light "dud" fireworks.
- ✓ Never attempt to make your own. Leave the making of fireworks to the experts.
- ✓ Never point, throw or mishandle fireworks.

Fire officials will be issuing citations for the illegal use of fireworks, with fines up to \$1,250 for the first offense. Property owners may be cited if they allow fireworks to be possessed, stored or used on their property.

Due to the severe fire season, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors and SBCoFire encourage residents to partake in a locally sponsored 4th of July celebration and leave the firework displays to the experts.

To report a fire emergency: 9-1-1
Fire dispatch (non-emergency): (909) 356-3805

Have a *SAFE* celebration!