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### Fireworks Dangers

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The 4<sup>th</sup> of July season is upon us and public safety officials caution the general population against the dangers of fireworks. Each year nationwide, on average, there are 10,000 injuries, 3 deaths and 25,000 fires due to the use of illegal fireworks. Don't become a statistic!

The only personal-use fireworks permitted by law in Connecticut are sparklers and fountains.

**Illegal devices to use, store or sell in Connecticut:**

Bottle rockets, Chinese Lanterns, firecrackers, black cats, lady fingers, roman candles, smoke bombs, party poppers, snakes, professional display aerial shells shot from mortar tubes without a permit from the State Fire Marshal, M-80's, M-100's, Cherry Bombs, Blockbusters, Quarter Sticks and similar devices.

**Illegal possession of explosives is a felony!  
Purchasing and transporting explosives across state lines is a crime!**

Fire Chiefs and Fire Marshals along with Law Enforcement and others in the Public Safety community urge you to enjoy your 4<sup>th</sup> of July season by taking your friends and families to a legal, licensed, and permitted public fireworks display—and leave it to the professionals!

It's safer, it's legal and it's a lot more fun!

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