

Answers to Fireworks Safety Quiz

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1. Read the warning or caution label carefully and follow all directions.
2. Always buy from a reliable, licensed seller.
3. Always light outdoors away from combustible material, buildings, trees, and plants.
4. Water and a fire extinguisher.
5. Light only one firework at a time.
6. Never try to re-light a firework.
7. No. Fireworks are dangerous can cause injury.
8. Wait for 15 to 20 minutes and then dump the firework in a bucket of water and let it soak.
9. If at all possible, don't store fireworks. If you have to store them, store them in a cool dry place and keep them out of the reach of children.
10. Soak them in a bucket of water before disposing of them in a trashcan.
11. Carry fireworks in their original bag or box.
12. No part of your body should be over the firework while lighting it.
13. Eye protection should be worn when lighting fireworks.
14. Illegal explosives are really dangerous and should never be used.
15. It is never safe to point or throw fireworks at other people or animals.
16. Contact the Sheriff's Office at (303) 277-0211.

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CRIME PREVENTION

Fireworks



Know the laws, know the risks



Fireworks in Jeffco

Each year when the 4th of July comes around, residents must balance the desire to celebrate with fireworks, with obvious concerns for safety. Fireworks can also become a quality-of-life issue, as illegal fireworks create unwanted noise, especially late at night. Here are some guidelines that will help us all have a safe, celebratory and peaceful holiday.

It Is Unlawful:

- for anyone to possess or discharge any fireworks, other than permissible fireworks, anywhere in the state

- for anyone to sell fireworks unless that person is licensed as a retailer, wholesaler, or exporter

- for anyone to knowingly provide or sell any fireworks to anyone under 16

- for anyone under 16 to purchase any fireworks, including permissible fireworks

- for anyone under 16 to possess and discharge permissible fireworks, unless that person is under adult supervision

What Are Permissible Fireworks?

Cylindrical or cone fountains, wheels and ground spinners, illuminating torches and colored fire, dipped sticks and sparklers, toy propellant or toy smoke devices, trick noise makers and snake or glow worms are all permissible.



Sparkler

What Fireworks Are Illegal?

Any devices or components that, when used or ignited, project or disperse any metal, glass, or brittle plastic fragments.



Bottle rockets

Cherry bombs, roman candles, firecrackers, bottle rockets, shells and rockets, M-80s and M-100s, and helicopters are all examples of illegal fireworks. A good rule of thumb: anything that explodes or leaves the ground is most likely illegal in Colorado.

What's the Penalty?

Any person who violates the laws pertaining to the sale, possession, and use of fireworks commits a class 3 misdemeanor and faces up to \$750 in fines, six months in jail, or both.

Tips for Safe Fireworks Use

- Always read and follow label instructions
- Have an adult present when children are involved
- Use outdoors only
- Always have water and a fire extinguisher handy
- Never experiment with or make your own fireworks
- Never give fireworks to small children
- Never throw or point fireworks at other people
- Always wear eye protection

Protect Your Pets

Keep your pets properly confined to avoid escape due to fear of fireworks. More dogs get lost around July 4 than any other time of the year. Have your dog's license and identification up to date so that in the event your pet does escape, Animal Control can facilitate its quick return.

Better Yet ...

Leave the fireworks to the professionals - attend a public fireworks display. Check the local papers for information about public celebrations in your area.

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1. What is the first thing to do before lighting a firework?
2. How do you know if you are buying quality legal fireworks?
3. Where should you light fireworks?
4. It's always good to have _____ handy when having a fireworks display.
5. How many fireworks should you light at a time?
6. If a firework does not work after lighting it, how long should you wait before trying to light it again?
7. Should small children handle and light fireworks?
8. What should you do if a firework fails to work after lighting it?
9. Where should you store fireworks?
10. How should you dispose of a discharged firework?
11. How should you carry fireworks?
12. What part of your body should be over a firework while lighting it?
13. What safety equipment should you wear when lighting a firework?
14. Are illegal explosives like M-80's and cherry bombs really dangerous or just more fun?
15. Is it safe to throw or point a firework at another person?
16. How do you find out what fireworks are legal to buy and shoot in your county?