

FIREWORKS SAFETY



Every year millions of people enjoy beautiful fireworks displays. However, many are negatively affected by property damage or injury. Injuries often include: severe burns, scars and even disfigurement.

Everett Municipal Code prohibits the possession and/or discharge of fireworks within city limits. Penalties include criminal citations with large fines and/or jail time. By law, all fireworks will be seized and destroyed.

QUESTIONS:

Are any fireworks legal?

No. **All** fireworks are illegal inside Everett City limits.

What happens if I'm contacted by the Police for possession or discharge of fireworks?

Violator's fireworks will be seized and you may be criminally cited.

What should I do if I find fireworks?

Call 911! Do NOT touch fireworks. The Police will respond to collect the fireworks.

This is lame... I want to see fireworks on the 4th of July! Where can I go?

The City of Everett hosts a fireworks display and much more!

FUN FACTS:

- ◇ Earliest known use was in 7th century China to frighten evil spirits and pray for happiness and prosperity
- ◇ By the 14th century, fireworks developed into rocket propulsion and became common in warfare
- ◇ In 1706, Amédée-François Frézier published *Treatise on Fireworks* to focus on recreational and ceremonial uses versus military use
- ◇ George Frideric Handel composed *Music for the Royal Fireworks* in 1749 to celebrate the peace Treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle
- ◇ American settlers used fireworks at the first celebration of Independence Day in 1777
- ◇ The Walt Disney Company is the largest consumer of fireworks in the US
- ◇ Fireworks are generally classified as either a ground or aerial
- ◇ In 2009, 2 died and almost 8,800 were treated in ER's from firework injuries

MOST COMMON VICTIMS:

- ◇ Children under 15 years old
- ◇ Males

MOST COMMON INJURIES:

- ◇ Hands, fingers, eyes and legs
- ◇ Burns, blindness and scarring

MOST COMMON CAUSES:

- ◇ Firecrackers
- ◇ Sparklers

Improper use of fireworks is dangerous, both to the operator and to bystanders. For this reason, fireworks are legally restricted. Watch Everett's professional display!

FOR EMERGENCIES, CALL 911



Keep your children safe

Never touch unexploded fireworks

Call 911 if you find fireworks

Be safe & enjoy your 4th of July

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