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 injures

**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!

**PawTips**

Keep your children safe
Never touch unexploded fireworks
Call 911 if you find fireworks
Be safe & enjoy your 4th of July