



# FIREWORKS SAFETY



Fire Marshal Jimmy Hill wants you and your family to be safe on 4<sup>th</sup> of July and all holidays. The best ways to do that is by attending approved fireworks shows and know **all** your local laws.

## Fireworks Statistics

- In the City of Los Angeles **PROPERTY losses** were \$388,160 in 2007 due to **illegal fireworks**.
- **The use or sale of ALL FIREWORKS** including safe and sane have been **ILLEGAL** in the **City of Los Angeles since 1942 (except at approved shows)**.
- The 4th of July is one of the busiest days of the year for emergency services.
- People using illegal fireworks cause most emergency calls for fires and injuries.
- Most firecracker injuries happen to the eyes, hands, head, and face areas.
- Almost half of all people injured were children **under the age of 15**.
- Sparklers can heat up to **1800 degrees** Fahrenheit (that is hot enough to melt gold).
- Possessing fireworks is a misdemeanor, punishable with a fine of \$1,000 and/or 1 year in jail.

## Fireworks Safety Rules



- **IF YOU SEE A FIRE, CALL 9-1-1.**
- **Do not use or light any fireworks.**
- **Never** let anyone touch, pick up or re-light a dud (bad) firecracker that has been left lying on the ground. (If you find one contact the proper authority)
- **REMEMBER**, animals have very sensitive hearing and can be stressed or frightened due to noise from fireworks. So:
  - ❑ Keep your pets indoors with the windows closed and the air conditioner on.
  - ❑ Turn on the volume of the television or radio to help block some of the noise.
  - ❑ Consider putting your pets in a boarding kennel.



**The goal of the LAFD Anti-Fireworks campaign is to:**

- ❑ **Reduce** the number of **fire** and **injuries** from fireworks.
- ❑ Remind citizens that **all** fireworks are **illegal** in the City of Los Angeles.
- ❑ **Encourage all citizens to attend a public fireworks display.**

## STAY AWAY FROM FIREWORKS

### PLAY IT SAFE



FOR MORE INFORMATION, YOU CAN CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FIRE STATION OR GO TO:

[www.lafd.org](http://www.lafd.org)

UPON REQUEST, THE LAFD WILL PROVIDE REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS TO ENSURE EQUAL ACCESS TO PROGRAMS, SERVICES, AND FACILITIES

