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Fireworks Dangers

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The July 4th 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 that are **legal** in Connecticut are sparklers and fountains.

The following devices are illegal to use, store or sell in Connecticut:

Bottle rockets, firecrackers, black cats, lady fingers, roman candles, smoke bombs, party poppers, snakes, professional display aerial shells shot from mortar tubes, M-80's, M-100's, M-1000's, Cherry Bombs, Blockbusters, Quarter Sticks and others.

Possession of these devices is in violation of:

CT General Statutes: 29-348 or 29-357 and/or 53-80a.

**Illegal possession of explosives is a felony!
Purchasing and transporting 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 4th of July season by taking your family to a legal, licensed, and permitted fireworks displays—and leave it to the professionals!

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

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