



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



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## All Fireworks Prohibited in Unincorporated Los Angeles County

The County of Los Angeles Fire Code, Title 32, Section 5601.3 states that it is illegal to store, manufacture, sell, use, or handle **ALL FORMS** of fireworks without a valid permit in unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.

Knowledge of local laws, coupled with common sense will make for an enjoyable Fourth of July holiday season with your families and loved ones.

The County of Los Angeles Fire Department encourages families to attend fireworks shows conducted by State-licensed pyro technicians. These shows are available throughout the county. Starting June 30, you can call the County of Los Angeles Fire Department's **FIREWORKS HOTLINE (888) 654-FIRE (3473)** to obtain the latest information on fireworks shows in your communities or log on to [www.fire.lacounty.gov](http://www.fire.lacounty.gov).

The illegal use, storage, or handling of fireworks in unincorporated Los Angeles County is a violation of local and state laws and carries the following penalties:

- **FIREWORKS:** Under California Health and Safety Code Fireworks Penalties, Section 12700 states, "any person who violates any provision of the State Fireworks laws or Regulations is guilty of a misdemeanor. A misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not less than \$500, but not to exceed \$1,000 by imprisonment in the county jail for up to one year, or both."
- **DANGEROUS FIREWORKS:** Under California Health and Safety Code Fireworks Penalties, Section 12700(B) states, "a person in possession of unaltered dangerous fireworks in violation of the State Fireworks Law is punishable as a misdemeanor or a public offense with fines ranging from \$500 to more than \$50,000, depending on the gross weight of unaltered dangerous fireworks in possession."

Each year thousands of people, many of them children, are burned, blinded, and even disfigured by fireworks. In addition, fireworks cause fires that cost us millions of dollars in property loss.

**LEAVE FIREWORKS TO THE PROFESSIONALS**



# 4th of July Safety Tips

The sale and use of "Safe and Sane" fireworks in your community may be prohibited by local ordinance (check with your local fire department). If they are allowed, "Safe and Sane" fireworks can only be purchased from a State Fire Marshal licensed retail stand from noon on June 28th to noon on July 6th.

**NOTE TO PARENTS:** If your child has any fireworks prior to June 28th, the items are probably illegal and dangerous and should be turned over to your fire department! It is against the law to use, possess, store or sell "illegal fireworks." State law provides for a fine of at least \$500 and/or a year in jail upon conviction for violating fireworks laws. Some violations are a felony! Fireworks cause many burns, injuries and fires. Violators can be held responsible for damages, as well as having to pay a fine and/or go to jail. Parents are liable for any damage or injuries caused by their children using fireworks. Look for the "Safe and Sane" seal on all fireworks like the one pictured here. →



**ILLEGAL FIREWORKS:** Any item that explodes, rises in the air or moves about the ground or any fireworks which is not approved and labeled "Safe and Sane" by the State Fire Marshal, is considered illegal in California. The following are all illegal types of fireworks and should not be used.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sky Rockets</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Bottle Rockets</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Roman Candles</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mortars</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">M-100</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">M-80</p>
				<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cherry Bombs</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Palomitas</b></p>
				<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Firecrackers</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Helicopters</b></p>

The County of Los Angeles Fire Department suggests that you visit one of the many professional fireworks shows in your area and always use caution when using "Safe and Sane" fireworks at home.

**WHEN USING "SAFE AND SANE" FIREWORKS REMEMBER TO:**

- Always read directions and use common sense
- Have an adult present
- Use outdoors only - away from buildings, vehicles, dry grass and other flammable objects
- Light one at a time, then move away quickly
- Keep others at a safe distance
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person
- Never alter or take apart
- Do not give to young children under any circumstances
- Have a bucket of water handy for emergencies and for dousing misfired and spent fireworks
- Never attempt to re-light or fix malfunctioning fireworks



To obtain more information visit our website at [www.fire.lacounty.gov](http://www.fire.lacounty.gov)