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Fireworks Safety Tips for Independence Day Celebrations

Olympia – The Washington State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) would like to provide residents with fireworks safety tips that will keep the holiday safe, enjoyable, and memorable.

- Purchase Washington legal consumer fireworks from a licensed and locally permitted retail stand.
- Only use fireworks outdoors away from buildings on a flat, level, fireproof surface free from debris.
- Read and follow all safety labels and instructions.
- Have a water supply and water bucket available at all times.
- Light only one firework at a time.
- Never place any part of your body directly over a firework.
- Never throw fireworks or light fireworks in your hands.
- Never pick-up or try to re-ignite a firework that fails to light.
- Never carry fireworks in your pockets or shoot them from a container.
- Always have adults light fireworks. Keep all fireworks including matches and lighters away from children.
- Allow finished fireworks to sit for at least 20 minutes before submerging them fully in water for at least 10 minutes. Dispose of drained products in a plastic bag.
- Keep all pets indoors and protected from the sights and sounds of the holiday.
- Be respectful and clean up all fireworks debris the next morning to be a good neighbor!

Be Prepared – Be Safe – Be Responsible

For more information about fireworks safety and for a list of public displays in your area visit <http://www.wsp.wa.gov/fireworks/> or call (360)596-3929.

The State Fire Marshal's Office is a Bureau of the Washington State Patrol, providing fire and life safety services to the citizens of Washington State including inspections of state licensed facilities, plan review of school construction projects, licensing of fire sprinkler contractors and pyrotechnic operators, training Washington States firefighters, and collecting emergency response data.