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SIP TIP: TIPS ON CHOOSING SAFE FIREWORKS

It is extremely important to know the difference between a legal consumer firework and a dangerous explosive device. Items such as M-80s, M-100s and blockbusters are not fireworks, they are federally banned explosives. They can cause serious injury or even death. Stay away from anything that isn't clearly labeled with the name of the item, the manufacturer's name and instructions for proper use. "Consumer" fireworks include cone fountains, cylindrical fountains, roman candles, sky rockets, firecrackers, mines and shells, helicopter-type rockets, certain sparklers and revolving wheels.

Below is an overview of the state laws on the types of fireworks allowed. For a more thorough overview of a particular state law from the National Council on Fireworks Safety, go to www.fireworksafety.com, click on "State Laws" on the left of the page, and then on the state of your interest. In Ohio, sparklers, trick noisemakers, and novelties are exempt from state law and permitted for general use. For more information, contact the local authorities in your area.



Here are some more tips to help ensure a safe Fourth of July:

Fireworks are not toys. Fireworks, complying with strict regulations enacted by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission in 1976, function primarily by burning to produce motion and visible or audible effects. They are burning at approximately the same temperature as a household match and can cause burn injuries and ignite clothing if used improperly.

NEVER give fireworks to young children. Close, adult supervision of all fireworks activities is mandatory. Even sparklers can be unsafe if used improperly.

Stay away from illegal explosives. Illegal explosive devices continue to cause serious injuries around the Fourth of July holiday. These devices are commonly known as M-80s, M-100s, blockbusters or quarter-pounders.

Homemade fireworks are deadly. Never attempt to make your own devices and do not purchase or use any kits that are advertised for making fireworks. Mixing and loading chemical powders is very dangerous and can kill or seriously injure you. Leave the making of fireworks to the experts.

REMINDER: HAVE A SAFE 4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY AND WATCH YOUR KIDS!