



# CITY OF ABERDEEN FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

RE: Fireworks Safety

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### **HAVE A BLAST WHILE STAYING SAFE THIS INDEPENDENCE DAY.**

With the Fourth of July holiday approaching, the Aberdeen Fire Department is asking that everyone celebrate safely and would like to remind the public about local fireworks regulations and safety.

Within the City of Aberdeen, fireworks may only be discharged between the hours of **9:00 AM and 12:00 Midnight on July 4<sup>th</sup>**. Fireworks that are legal to discharge within the City are known as common fireworks, labeled with the identification number U.N. 0336 1.4G and can be found at a number of local consumer fireworks sales tents and stands.

When lighting fireworks, please follow these important safety tips:

#### **BE PREPARED – Before you light fireworks:**

- Purchase only legal fireworks, available at locally operated licensed fireworks stands.
- Keep fireworks out of the reach of children.
- Ensure the safety of pets.
- Keep a bucket of water nearby to place all used fireworks into.
- Have a water hose or fire extinguisher nearby to put out stray sparks.
- If an emergency arises, call 911 and give the correct address or location.
- Know basic first aid

#### **BE SAFE – When lighting fireworks:**

- Have a designated adult light all fireworks.
- Use eye protection.
- Light one firework at a time, move away quickly, and keep spectators at a safe distance until the display is finished.
- Never relight a “dud” firework. Wait 15-20 minutes and then soak it in water
- Only use fireworks outdoors and away from anything that can burn.
- To prevent injuries, follow the label directions carefully.
- Always remember, do not throw fireworks or hold them in your hand.
- Never point or throw fireworks at anyone.
- NEVER use fireworks while impaired by alcohol or drugs.

**BE RESPONSIBLE – After you finish:**

- Soak used fireworks in water
- Be considerate of neighbors and clean up the debris when finished.
- Make sure all unused fireworks, matches and lighters are out of sight and reach of children.



Rather than setting off your own fireworks, the Aberdeen Fire Department recommends leaving it to the professionals by enjoying a public display fireworks show, such as Aberdeen's Splash Festival.

Fireworks regulations can vary depending on your location. Contact your local fire department for fireworks regulations in your area. For additional information, please contact the Aberdeen Fire Department at 360-532-1254.

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