



AS THE 4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY NEARS AND THE CONSUMER FIREWORKS STANDS START TO POP UP AROUND THE CITY OF MCPHERSON, WE WANTED TO SEND OUT A FRIENDLY REMINDER OF LAWS CONCERNING FIREWORKS AND THE SAFETY THAT GOES WITH THEM.

FIREWORKS, WITHIN THE CITY OF MCPHERSON, ARE ONLY ALLOWED TO BE SOLD AND DISCHARGED FROM JULY 2ND TO JULY 4TH. ALTHOUGH FIREWORKS ARE OFTEN PURCHASED BEFORE THESE DATES IN THE COUNTY, IT IS STILL UNLAWFUL TO DISCHARGE THEM IN THE CITY BEFOREHAND.

FIREWORKS SHALL NOT BE SOLD OR DISCHARGED ON PUBLIC PROPERTY, IN PUBLIC STREETS OR IN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT OF THE CITY. ALSO, THE FOLLOWING FIREWORKS ARE PROHIBITED FROM PURCHASE AND DISCHARGE.

1. BOTTLE ROCKET FIREWORKS
2. LANTERNS, SKY LANTERNS OR ANY OTHER UNINHABITED FREE-FLOATING DEVICE THAT INCLUDES A FLAME OR OTHER HEATING DEVICE AS A LIFTING MECHANISM.
3. METAL SPARKLERS OR OTHER HANDHELD FIREWORK THAT BURNS SLOWLY WHILE EMITTING FLAMES, SPARKS, AND OTHER EFFECTS THAT ALSO CONTAIN A STIFF METAL WIRE COVERED IN PART BY A DRIED SLOW-BURNING PYROTECHNIC COMPOSITION.

SAFELY HANDLING FIREWORKS IS CRITICAL FOR THE INDEPENDENCE HOLIDAY. THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 16,000 FIREWORKS RELATED INJURIES REPORTED TO HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS EACH YEAR WITH 70% OF THOSE INJURIES OCCURRING BETWEEN JUNE 21ST AND JULY 21ST. BELOW ARE SOME TIPS TO CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY SAFELY.

1. NEVER ALLOW YOUNG CHILDREN TO PLAY OR IGNITE FIREWORKS, INCLUDING SPARKLERS.
2. KEEP A BUCKET OF WATER OR GARDEN HOSE HANDY, IN CASE OF A FIRE OR MISHAP.
3. ONLY LIGHT ONE FIREWORK AT A TIME AND MOVE AWAY FROM THE FIREWORK QUICKLY.
4. NEVER TRY TO RE-LIGHT OR HANDLE MALFUNCTIONING FIREWORKS. SOAK THEM WITH WATER AND DISPOSE OF THEM.
5. NEVER PLACE A BODY PART OVER A FIREWORK WHEN LIGHTING THE FUSE.
6. NEVER POINT OR THROW FIREWORKS AT ANYONE.
7. ALWAYS DOUSE FIREWORKS WITH PLENTY OF WATER BEFORE DISPOSING THEM INTO A TRASH CONTAINER TO PREVENT A FIRE.
8. NEVER USE FIREWORKS WHILE IMPAIRED BY ALCOHOL OR DRUGS.

BY FOLLOWING THESE LAWS AND SAFETY TIPS TOGETHER WE CAN ALL ENJOY A SAFE AND FUN 4TH OF JULY!



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