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Thinking about Using Illegal Fireworks in Portland?

It's not only unsafe; it could get you a ticket.

Portland Fire & Rescue wants to remind you to be safe this Fourth of July. Here are some things you can do to have a great holiday and avoid injuries.

Be Prepared before you light fireworks

- Use legal fireworks available at licensed stands and outlets.
- Make sure to store fireworks out of the reach of children.
- Always read and follow the directions on the label
- Be aware of your pets, they are often frightened by fireworks.
- Always keep a water source handy, like a charged garden hose or bucket of water.

Be Safe when you light fireworks

- An adult should always light fireworks.
- Keep matches and lighters away from children.
- Only use fireworks outdoors.
- Light one firework at a time and move away quickly.
- Don't throw fireworks.
- Don't ever hold fireworks that are not designed for it.

Be responsible after lighting fireworks

- Soak used fireworks thoroughly in a bucket of water.
- Dispose of used fireworks and debris properly.
- Never re-light a "dud" firework, wait at least 15 to 20 seconds, and then soak in a bucket of water.

Using illegal fireworks in the City of Portland will get you a ticket.

In an effort to reduce fireworks related fires and injuries, the Portland Bureaus of Fire and Police will be patrolling the streets of Portland this season on the lookout for the use of illegal fireworks.

If you are caught using or are in possession of illegal fireworks in City of Portland, you will be cited and fined. The first offense is a fine of \$100.00, the second offense will be \$200.00 and if you are caught a third time the fine will be \$400.00.

Remember, illegal fireworks are defined as "any fireworks that explode, flies into the air, or behaves in an uncontrolled manor." You will find a list and illustrations of legal vs. illegal fireworks along with this flyer. These should also be available where you purchase your fireworks.

Portland Fire & Rescue wishes you a safe and happy 4th of July, and if you have any questions please feel free to call 503-823-3700.