



4th of July Safety



The Sheriff's Office would like to wish you a happy 4th of July, and remind everyone to celebrate responsibly. Here are a few tips to help you have a great holiday with safety in mind!

- * Learn the fireworks laws in your area. In Oregon, retail fireworks are those that do not explode, fly into the air, travel more than 6 feet horizontally or 12 inches vertically from where they were lit. Fireworks such as fountains, wheels, and ground spinners are legal in Oregon and can be sold from June 23rd to July 6th by permitted retailers. Party poppers and other novelty items that are seen around the 4th of July can be sold year round.
- * Fireworks are prohibited on all beaches, State Parks, and State or Federal forest lands.
- * Fireworks should be lit by adults only. Fireworks and lighting devices such as matches and lighters should be stored in a place out of reach of children.
- * Have a water source and a fire extinguisher ready, just in case.
- * Wait several minutes after a firework is extinguished before approaching or handling. Dispose of fireworks by soaking them in water then placing them in the garbage.
- * Fireworks should not be lit near dry grass or other foliage due to fire danger.
- * Children ages 5 and under should never be given sparklers.

[Click here to view more firework safety tips put out by the Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal.](#)

A Word About Pets....

Pets can be easily scared by the loud noises and bright lights of fireworks. Here are a few tips to help keep Fido and Whiskers safe!

- * Bring pets inside, away from firework displays.
- * Keep pets away from alcohol, chocolate, and other items known to be harmful to pets.
- * Check on your pet periodically throughout the evening as a way of comforting them.

