

# FIREWORKS SAFETY



The Fourth of July is fast approaching, here is a short summary of Connecticut's Fireworks Laws and several safety tips regarding the use of fireworks:

- All fireworks are illegal in the State of Connecticut, with the exception of sparklers and fountains.
- However, only persons 16 years of age and older may legally use sparklers and fountains in the State of Connecticut.
- Consequently, never allow children under 16 years of age to play with or ignite fireworks. It is illegal.
- Remember, although sparklers are legal in the State of Connecticut they are extremely dangerous. Sparklers burn at temperatures of about 2000° F, hot enough to melt some metals.
- Novelty items such as party poppers, snakes, smoke devices and anything that emits a flame are not legal for private use in Connecticut.
- The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public display conducted at a state-approved site by Connecticut licensed pyrotechnicians.
- For additional information on fireworks laws and fireworks safety you can click on the following links:
- The Connecticut State Police Topics in Public Safety - Fireworks Laws in the State of Connecticut

[http://www.ct.gov/despp/lib/despp/public\\_information\\_files/brochures/tipsfireworks.pdf](http://www.ct.gov/despp/lib/despp/public_information_files/brochures/tipsfireworks.pdf)

- The United States Consumer Products Safety Commission Fireworks Information Center

<http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Safety-Education/Safety-Education-Centers/Fireworks/>