

Fireworks Safety



**The Lexington Division of Fire
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“CELEBRATE, DON’T DEVASTATE!”

During July 4th, New Years Eve, and a variety of other events, families, friends, and crowds gather to celebrate.

Fireworks have become a popular way to enhance these gatherings and create fun memories. The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government and the Division of Fire and Emergency Services want to make sure those memories are good ones by sharing reminders to keep you and your family safe.

Each year during the summer, over 200 injuries a day occur, relating to fireworks. Fireworks have also caused millions of dollars in property damage.



***The Lexington Fire
Department urges everyone
to use caution and care
around fireworks so you can
have a safe and enjoyable
Fourth of July!***



FIREWORKS SAFETY TIPS

If you decide to use fireworks at home, follow the tips below from the Lexington Fire Department to have a safe and injury-free Fourth of July.

- Buy fireworks only from a licensed store or stand.
- Follow directions on firework packaging. **DO NOT** combine different types or light multiple fireworks at a time.
- Never allow young children to handle fireworks.
- Only use outdoors and away from buildings and vehicles.
- Never re-ignite malfunctioning fireworks.
- Never throw sparklers or fireworks at people. Stand at least 6 feet from other people using sparklers.
- Spectators keep a safe distance from individuals lighting fireworks.
- Do not carry fireworks in pocket.
- Do not drink alcohol and handle fireworks.

As always the very best way to protect your family is to enjoy a public fireworks display and leave the lighting to the professionals.

For more information on local July 4th celebrations and fireworks displays visit www.downtownlex.com



A good rule of thumb: if it blows up or goes up, it's more dangerous and therefore illegal in Fayette County.

Fireworks that have wings, fins, or other parts which could cause them to fly are **prohibited** for general consumer use in Fayette County. Additionally, fireworks are illegal if they carry a cautionary label which includes in their description any of the following terms: explosive, emits flaming pellets, flaming balls, firecracker, report or rocket.

Fireworks Ordinance Fire Prevention Code 9-A

Fireworks in Fayette County, including consumer fireworks and display fireworks, are prohibited at all times in Fayette County except as set forth herein...

Dipped stick-sparkler or wire sparkler, consisting of a metal wire or wood dowel that has been coated with pyrotechnic composition.

Cylindrical Fountain containing not more than 75 grams of pyrotechnic composition, producing colored sparks, and sometimes smoke and a whistling effect.

Cone Fountain from cardboard of heavy paper containing up to 50 grams of pyrotechnic composition with the same effect as a cylindrical fountain.

Illumination Torch is a cylindrical tube containing up to 100 grams of pyrotechnic composition, producing a colored fire.

Wheel device attached to a post of tree by means of a nail or string. Wheel contains no more than 60 grams of pyrotechnic composition, producing a shower of color and sparks.

Ground Spinner is a small device, containing no more than 20 grams of pyrotechnic composition, producing a shower of sparks and color similar to the wheel but intended to be placed on the ground.

Flitter Sparkler is a narrow paper tube attached to a stick or wire filled with no more than 100 grams of pyrotechnic composition that produces color and sparks.

Toy Smoke Devices are small, plastic or paper items containing no more than 100 grams of pyrotechnic composition that produce white or colored smoke.

To read the ordinance in its entirety, please visit our web site at www.lexingtonky.gov/lexfire.



Helpful Numbers

**The Lexington Division of
Fire and Emergency Services
Fire Prevention Bureau**

859.231.5668
FAX 859.231.5606

LEXCALL
859.425.2255 or 311

State Fire Marshal
502.564.3626

**For Emergencies
Call 9-1-1**

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