The San Bernardino City Fire Department wants to ensure a safe 4th of July holiday season for all the citizens in our communities.

Sales of Safe and Sane fireworks begin at noon on Friday, July 1st, and run through midnight on Monday, July 4th. Please keep in mind that safe and sane fireworks can only be purchased at one of the designated fireworks booths permitted within the City of San Bernardino.

All fireworks, including “safe and sane”, are illegal in areas north of the 210 freeway in the City of San Bernardino and subject to a $1000.00 fine (Please see map below). There’s a $1,000.00 fine for possession or use of illegal/dangerous fireworks (for each violation) in all areas of the city.

Any items that explode, rise in the air or move about the ground or any fireworks which are not approved and labeled “Safe and Sane” by the State Fire Marshal, are ILLEGAL in California. Illegal fireworks are very dangerous and therefore must not be used.

If you are aware of someone selling or using illegal fireworks, please call the Police Department at 909-383-5311. Caller identity will remain anonymous.

If you have a question regarding fireworks during the 4th of July, please call 909-384-5388.
WHERE ALLOWED, ONLY USE FIREWORKS THAT BEAR THE CALIFORNIA STATE FIRE MARSHAL “SAFE AND SANE” SEAL.

Safe and Sane Fireworks

Look for a manufacturer's name on each item or on the box in which they were packaged. Each device should also list instructions for proper use and have cautionary labeling. The manufacturer's name and cautionary labeling are required by law. Fireworks without this information are probably illegal and, therefore, are to be avoided.

There’s a fine of up to $1,000.00 for the inappropriate use of safe and sane fireworks.

Experimenting with fireworks or making your own from safe and sane fireworks constitutes the inappropriate use of safe and sane fireworks. Homemade fireworks are deadly. Never attempt to make your own devices. Mixing and loading chemical powders is very dangerous and can kill or cause serious injury. Leave the making of fireworks to the experts.

Additional Fireworks Safety Tips

Improper use of fireworks or setting off illegal fireworks can cause eye injuries, blinding, amputations, severe burns or even death. Fireworks are dangerous! Fireworks injured about 11,000 Americans last year, and about half of those injured were younger than 15. Each year in the United States, approximately 2,400 people are treated in hospital emergency rooms for eye injuries caused by fireworks. Twenty-five percent of those injuries result in permanent vision loss or blindness. Eye injuries happen in less than a second but often cause lifelong visual impairment.
Here are some tips to avoid injuries:

• Never allow children to play with fireworks. About half of those injured are under age 15.
• Read and follow all fireworks warnings and instructions.
• Be sure other people are out of range before lighting fireworks.
• Never try to re-light fireworks that have not fully functioned.
• Keep a bucket of water nearby in case of an accident or fire.
• Only light fireworks on a smooth, flat surface.
• Fireworks should be lit away from houses, dry leaves and flammable materials.
• Do not use bottle rockets. They are the most dangerous type of fireworks by far because they fly erratically, frequently injuring bystanders.
• Protect your eyes with safety glasses or safety goggles. Regular prescription glasses, sunglasses or contact lenses provide little or no protection and can actually contribute to an injury.
• Always read and follow label directions.
• Have an adult present.
• Buy from reliable sellers.
• Use outdoors only.
• Always have water handy (a garden hose and a bucket).
• Never experiment or make your own fireworks.
• Light only one firework at a time. Never re-light a "dud" firework (wait 15 to 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water).
• Never give fireworks to small children.
• If necessary, store fireworks in a cool, dry place.
• Dispose of fireworks properly by soaking them in water and then disposing of them in your trashcan.
• Never throw or point fireworks at other people.
• Never carry fireworks in your pocket.
• Never shoot fireworks in metal or glass containers.
IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON, ORGANIZATION, GROUP, ASSOCIATION, ETC., TO SELL OR IGNITE, EXPLODE, PROJECT, OR OTHERWISE FIRE OR USE, ANY FIREWORKS, OR PERMIT THE IGNITION, EXPLOSION OR PROJECTION THEREOF, AT ALL IN ANY OF THE SHADED AREAS OF THE MAP, OR IN THE CLEAR AREA, IF UPON OR OVER OR ONTO THE PROPERTY OF ANOTHER WITHOUT HIS/HER CONSENT, OR TO IGNITE, EXPLODE, PROJECT, OR OTHERWISE FIRE OR MAKE USE OF ANY FIREWORKS WITHIN TEN FEET OF ANY RESIDENT DWELLING OR OTHER STRUCTURE USED AS A PLACE OF HABITATION BY HUMAN BEINGS. YOU MUST BE 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER TO PURCHASE FIREWORKS.

OFFENDERS ARE SUBJECT TO A FINE AND/OR JAIL.