

FIREWORKS SAFETY TIPS

The City of Belen and Belen Fire Department wishes all residents a safe and fun independence holiday filled with joy and happiness. Fireworks can be a very dangerous explosive device if not used properly. The following safety tips will help keep you and your loved ones safe during this holiday.

- Obey all local laws regarding the use of fireworks. (City of Belen Ordinance 8.04)
- Read the cautionary labels and performance descriptions before igniting.
- A responsible adult SHOULD supervise all firework activities. Never give fireworks to children to hold or set off.
- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix. Save your alcohol for after your show.
- Wear safety glasses and leather gloves when handling and shooting fireworks.
- Light one firework at a time and then quickly move away.
- Use fireworks OUTDOORS in a clear area; away from buildings and vehicles.
- Never relight a “dud” firework. Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.
- Always have a bucket of water and charged water hose nearby.
- Never carry fireworks in your POCKET or shoot them into METAL or GLASS containers.
- Dispose of spent fireworks by wetting them down and place in a metal trash can away from any building or combustible materials until the next day.
- Clean up after your mess. Do not leave any litter on the ground. Pick up after yourself.
- And always, STAY SAFE!!!
- Any illegal firework device will be confiscated and violator will be cited.
- Please be safe this and every holiday season. Remember, safety begins with **YOU** !!!

WHEN CAN FIREWORKS BE DISCHARGED

Until 10:00 p.m. from June 20 - July 2 and
Until 12:00 midnight on July 3rd and 4th only

What fireworks are illegal?

STICK-TYPE ROCKETS AND BOTTLE ROCKETS
MOON ROCKETS AND WHISTLING TRAVELERS
ANY AERIAL DEVICE THAT EXCEEDS 10-FT IN THE AIR
FIRE CRACKERS & ROMAN CANDLES

Belen Fire Department officials will be out patrolling ensuring everyone's safety.

PERMISSIBLE FIREWORKS

*Ground and hand-held sparkling devices
Ground smoke devices
Cone fountains
Crackling devices
Cylindrical fountains
Flitter sparklers
Illuminating torches
Toy smoke devices
Wheels
Any firework with a “CAUTION” label*

*Any device that:
Emits showers of sparks
Spins on ground, emits flame and sparks
Moves on ground, emits showers of sparks
Emits crackling sparks*