



The Anaheim Fire Department Encourages Residents To Attend a Public Fireworks Display Put on by Trained Professionals

Each year, the Anaheim Fire Department responds to injuries and fires due to the illegal use of fireworks. All fireworks, including those classified as “Safe and Sane,” are prohibited in the City of Anaheim and in most cities throughout Orange County. Only five cities allow the sale of “Safe and Sane” fireworks. Those five cities include Buena Park, Costa Mesa, Garden Grove, Stanton and Santa Ana.

It is prohibited in the City of Anaheim (Anaheim Municipal Code 6.40.020, 6.40.030) to buy fireworks in a city that permits their use and then set them off within the City limits. Parents should note that they will be held liable for damages caused by their children’s use of fireworks.

Some fireworks are not only illegal, but pose a serious, immediate threat to personal safety. These especially dangerous fireworks, which are banned statewide, include firecrackers, bottle rockets, cherry bombs, M-80s, M-100s and others. Any person who uses, possesses, stores or offers for sale any firework is considered to be in violation of the law. Furthermore, a person who causes injury or damage with fireworks will be held liable.

A number of eye injuries, painful disfiguring burns and property damage are suffered by individuals due to the use of fireworks. These incidents are related to the use of both the dangerous, illegal fireworks and the “Safe and Sane” state-approved fireworks. Children are especially susceptible to injuries cause by fireworks. Nearly half of all firework related injuries occur among children under 15 years of age. Even fireworks thought to be safe, such as sparklers, can burn users and bystanders because they reach temperatures above 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit. Eye damage accounts for 20 percent of all firework related injuries and some result in permanent blindness.



For a list of community firework shows occurring throughout Orange County visit www.anaheim.net

The Anaheim Fire Department wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday!

