

# JULY 4<sup>th</sup> CELEBRATION ADVISORY

## CALIFORNIA CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

The California City Fire Department and the California City Police Department believe that 4th of July celebrations are an important reminder of how precious our freedoms are. That's why there are numerous events, including professional fireworks displays that provide residents with safe and fun celebrations and entertainment for families and friends. California City will be hosting a professional fireworks display starting at 9:00 P.M. that can be viewed from Central Park and the surrounding area.

While we encourage families to celebrate and enjoy their Independence Day celebrations, we would like to remind everyone that with freedom comes the responsibility to follow the laws and be conscientious neighbors. Every year, hundreds of families ignore the fireworks law and purchase fireworks that are considered illegal in California.

It is important to note that all fireworks **not** labeled "Safe and Sane" are illegal to possess. Fireworks labeled "Safe and Sane" may be legal to possess, but are only for use in areas which have laws permitting their use. Such as the city limits of California City. To purchase and possess legal fireworks you must be 16 years of age or older and adults should be around at all times for supervision when younger children are around.

Fireworks which explode, or rise in the air, or move around the ground, or any firework not marked "Safe and Sane" by the State Fire Marshal are illegal to possess anywhere in California. The penalties for possession or use can range from a fine of up to \$1000, to confinement in a County jail for up to one year. Certain products like M-80's and M-100's are considered explosives and are a felony to possess. The penalties can be as high as 16 months in state prison. **The California City Fire Department will be out in force looking for offenders.**

"Safe and Sane" fireworks are only allowed to be in possession and discharged within city limits starting June 28th 12:00A.M. To July 6th 12:00A.M. All fireworks should be disposed of within this time. After posted time all fireworks including "Safe and Sane" are considered illegal.

This year, the vegetation is very dry and with the potential for fire or personal injury very high, we are recommending that our residents use extreme caution with legal neighborhood fireworks. No neighborhood would want to be associated with the losses from a residential fire caused by fireworks, or from the devastating injuries which can be caused by fireworks.

***On behalf of the California City Fire Department staff, we wish you a safe and joyful 4th of July!***

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***Helpful Tips on July 4th Safety:***

- Don't allow children to use fireworks—even “safe and sane” ones—without adult supervision.
- Always read and follow label directions.
- Always have water (garden hose/bucket) and a fire extinguisher within arm's reach.
- Always place fireworks on a firm, non-combustible surface before lighting.
- Never alter fireworks.
- Never re-light “dud” fireworks.
- Never attempt to make your own. Leave fireworks making to the experts.
- Never point, throw or mishandle fireworks.
- Even “Safe and Sane” sparklers/fireworks can ignite clothing easily